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Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)

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Why in news?

The recent row over the **Hindenburg report** on allegations against the SEBI chief has attracted demand from the opposition for an **inquiry by a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)**.

About Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC):

The JPC is an **ad-hoc Committee**, established by the Parliament to conduct a thorough examination of a specific subject or Bill.

It consists of **members from both Houses as well as from the ruling and opposition parties** and is

chaired by a member of the Lok Sabha (appointed by Speaker of the Lok Sabha).

The **Parliament determines the composition** of the JPC, and **there is no set limit on the number of members**.

The committee is dissolved after completing its term or task.

The **committee's recommendations are advisory and not mandatory** for the government to follow.

A JPC can obtain evidence of experts, public bodies, associations, individuals or interested parties suo motu or on requests made by them.

If a **witness fails to appear** before a JPC in response to summons, his conduct constitutes **a contempt of the House**.

The Joint Parliamentary Committees are formed till date include the following cases:

1 **Bofors scandal (1987)**

2 **Harshad Mehta Stock market scam (1992)**

3 **Ketan Parekh share market scam (2001)**

4 **Soft drink pesticide issue (2003)**

5 **2G spectrum case (2011)**

6 **VVIP Chopper scam (2013)**

7 **Land Acquisition (2015)**

8 **NRC (2016)**

9 **Personal Data Protection Bill (2019)**

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