

Twenty-second Law Commission of India

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The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister has approved the Twenty-second Law Commission of India **for a period of three years** from the date of publication of the Order of Constitution in the Official Gazette.

The Law Commission shall, on a reference made to it by the Central Government or suo-motu, undertake research in law and review of existing laws in India for making reforms therein and enacting new legislation. It shall also undertake studies and research for bringing reforms in the justice delivery systems for elimination of delay in procedures, speedy disposal of cases, reduction in the cost of litigation, etc.

The Law Commission of India shall, inter-alia:

1. **Identify laws which are no longer needed** or relevant and can be immediately repealed
2. **Examine the existing laws in the light of Directive Principles of State Policy** and suggest ways of improvement and reform and also suggest such legislation as might be necessary to implement the Directive Principles and to attain the objectives set out in the Preamble of the Constitution
3. **Consider and convey to the Government its views on any subject relating to law and judicial administration** that may be specifically referred to it by the Government through the Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Legal Affairs)
4. Consider the requests for **providing research to any foreign countries** as may be referred to it by the Government through the Ministry of Law and Justice

(Department of Legal Affairs)

5. Take all such measures as may be necessary to harness law and the legal process in the service of the poor
6. **Revise the Central Acts of general importance** so as to simplify them and remove anomalies, ambiguities and inequities

Before finalizing its recommendations, the Commission will consult the nodal Ministry/ Department (s) and such other stakeholders as the Commission may deem necessary for the purpose.

About Law Commission of India

- The Law Commission of India is a **non-statutory body constituted by the Government of India** from time to time.
- The Commission was originally constituted in 1955 and is **reconstituted every three years**.
- The tenure of the twenty-first Law Commission of India was upto 31st August 2018.
- **The 22nd Law Commission will be constituted for a period of three years** from the date of publication of its Order in the Official Gazette. **It will consist of:**
 1. A full-time Chairperson;
 2. Four full-time Members (including Member-Secretary)
 3. Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs as ex-officio Member;
 4. Secretary, Legislative Department as ex officio Member; and
 5. Not more than five part-time Members