130th Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2025

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Why in News?

Recently, the Constitution (One Hundred and Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 2025 was sent to a Joint Committee.

- It seeks to provide for removal of the ***Prime Minister, a Chief Minister of a state, or any other Minister*** in the central or a state government, if he is arrested and detained in custody on account of serious criminal offences.
- It also applies these provisions to the Union Territory (UT) of Delhi.
- Two other Bills have also been introduced to apply these provisions to the UTs of Puducherry, and Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Grounds for removal -** A Minister will be removed from office if
  - He is accused of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may ***extend to 5 years or more***, and
  - He has been arrested and detained in custody for ***30 consecutive days.***
- **Procedure for removal** - A Minister in the central government will be removed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister.
- This advice is to be given by the 31st consecutive day that the Minister is in custody.
- If the Prime Minister does not advise the President by this time, the Minister will cease to hold office from the day thereafter.
- The same provisions will also apply at the state level, with the Governor of the state acting on the advice of the Chief Minister.
- In case of Delhi, the acting authority will be the President on the advice of the Chief Minister.
- **No bar on re-appointments -** A Minister who is removed from office under these provisions, may be re-appointed after being released from custody.

Quick facts

Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)
• It is a committee set up by Parliament for a ***special purpose***, such as for the detailed scrutiny of a subject or Bill. • It has *members from both Houses*, and is dissolved after its term ends or its task has been completed. • The mandate of a JPC depends on the motion constituting it. • While its recommendations have a persuasive value, they are not binding on the government.

Reference

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