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Q.1 Does scrutinising bill every bill in the Parliamentary Committee provide a platform for comprehensive deliberation in the Parliament? Analyse.

Ans:- Article 105 and 108 provides Parliamentary Committee system to assist the Parliamentary houses in legislative process.

There are provisions for referring a bill to a committee for technical intervention. But no bill 13 bills passed by Parliament in this monsoon session have not been referred to a parliamentary committee. Recently, there was also a debate on referring RTI (Amendment) Bill, 2019 for detailed scrutiny before being passed in the parliament.

Role of Parliamentary Committees :-

→ Parliament has two forums for discussion. One is on the floor of house and other is the close door forum of committees. There committees are consists of MPs from one or both the houses.

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- Mechanisms of referring a bill to Committee:-
 - ↳ When a minister is trying to build Political consensus on a bill.
 - ↳ Chairman/ Speaker has the discretion in referring the bill to a committee.
 - ↳ When govt doesn't have majority, MPs of the house move motion to refer the bill to a committee.
- Debates in committees are more technical than the debates on hours when influenced by political issues.
- Committees are not constrained by limited nos. of Sittings days like Parliament, which enables detailed scrutiny of a bill.
- There committees ensures government accountability to the Parliament through detailed consideration of measures of a bill.

Demerits :-

- It slows down the legislative process as Committees usually take months to scrutinise a bill.
- It often creates conflicts and blame game between ruling and opposition party.

- Due to close-door mechanism, the concept of transparency is criticised.
- The role of committees often dominated by the discretion of Chairman/Speaker and ruling party.

Scrutinisation by committees is an important step before strengthening the law-making process of Parliament. ~~Instead of~~ Instead of skipping this step, committees should have given enough power to consider a issue whenever technical intervention is required and that is also in a proper time-frame.