

Does scrutinising every bill in the parliamentary committee provide a platform for comprehensive deliberation in the Parliament? Analyse

The function of the Parliament are varied, complex & voluminous. It has neither the adequate time nor necessary expertise to make a detailed scrutiny of all legislative measures & other matters. Therefore it is assisted by number of committees.

Parliamentary committees are effective comprehensive deliberation in following ways

- \* Since they are closed door forums so individual MPs may take various positions on issue with no <sup>competition</sup> ~~compiling~~ by party
- \* They consist of parliamentarians from both houses (some committees) & also of various parties
- \* They have sufficient time to discuss the matter deliberately
- \* They have necessary technical expertise
- \* Strengthen the bill by mulling it with more meaningful ways



\* It also strengthens the working of legislative process.

However, scrutinizing every bill by the committee will make legislative journey slower, since committee usually takes few months & further the bill can only be debated after committee has submitted its report & also committee has no time frame to submit the report. Also members from different political parties <sup>have</sup> come to ~~contact~~ <sup>conclusion</sup> & submit report to parliament delays the legislation.

### What can be done

- \* Speaker should take neutral stand while referring bill to select committee
- \* Committee should be strengthened to scrutinize & present their report in timely fashion
- \* Ensuring that bills be referred to parliamentary committee but to this rule exceptions should be strictly defined & exceptions explained to parliament

Parliamentary committees are technical teams to legislative process, scrutinizing all the bill by them may delay legislative journey so important issue with clearly defined rule book should be referred to them