

## BA General Course: Skill Based

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| Semester                     | VI  |
| Paper Number                 | GLPSE6041T  |
| Paper Title                  | Legislative Practices and procedures  |
| No. of Credits               | 2   |
| Theory/Compo site            | Theory  |
| No. of periods assigned      | Th:2<br>Pr:   |
| Name of Faculty member(s)    |   |
| Course description/objective | To acquaint the student broadly with the legislative process in India at various levels, introduce them to the requirements of peoples' representatives and provide elementary skills to be part of a legislative support team and expose them to legislative work. It will also deepen their understanding and appreciation of the political process and indicate the possibilities of making it work for democracy.   |
| Syllabus                     | <p><b>Module I (40 marks)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Members of Parliament: Powers and Privileges-Constituency Work. (4 Lectures)</li> <li>2) State legislative Assemblies: Powers and functions. (4 Lectures)</li> <li>3) Functionaries of rural and urban local self government from Zila Parishad, Municipal Corporation to Panchayat/ Ward. (4 Lectures)</li> </ol> <p><b>Module II (40 marks)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4) How a bill becomes a law, role of standing committees in reviewing a bill, legislative consultants, the framing of rules and regulations. (4 Lectures)</li> <li>5) Types of committees. (4 Lectures)</li> <li>6) Role of committees in reviewing government finances, policy, programmes and legislation. (4 Lectures)</li> </ol> |
| Texts                        |   |
| Reading/Reference Lists      | <p>I. <b>Powers and functions of people's representative at different tiers of governance</b></p> <p>Essential Readings:<br/> M. Madhavan, and N. Wahi, (2008) Financing of Election Campaigns PRS, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, Available at:<br/> <a href="http://www.prsindia.org/uploads/media/conference/Campaign_fina">http://www.prsindia.org/uploads/media/conference/Campaign_fina</a></p>   |

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### **The legislative process**

Essential Readings:

Government of India, (Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs), (2009) Legislation, Parliamentary Procedure, Available at [http://mpa.nic.in/Manual/Manual\\_English/Chapter/chapter-09.htm](http://mpa.nic.in/Manual/Manual_English/Chapter/chapter-09.htm), Accessed: 19.04.2013 Government of India, (Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs) (2009), Subordinate Legislation, Parliamentary Procedure, Available at:

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Accessed: 19.04.2013 O. Agarwal and T. Somanathan, (2005) 'Public Policy Making in India: Issues and Remedies', Available at: [http://www.cprindia.org/admin/paper/Public\\_Policy\\_Making\\_in\\_India\\_14205\\_TV\\_SOMANA\\_THAN.pdf](http://www.cprindia.org/admin/paper/Public_Policy_Making_in_India_14205_TV_SOMANA_THAN.pdf), Accessed: 19.04.2013 B. Debroy, (2001) 'Why we need law reform' Seminar January.

### **Legislative Committees**

Essential Readings: P. Mehta, 'India's Unlikely Democracy: The Rise of Judicial Sovereignty', Journal of Democracy, Vol. 18(2), pp.70-83. Government link: <http://loksabha.nic.in/>;

<http://rajyasabha.nic.in/>; <http://mpa.nic.in/> K. Sanyal, (2011) Strengthening Parliamentary Committees PRS, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, Available at:

<http://www.prsindia.org/administrator/uploads/media/Conference%202011/Strengthening%20Parliamentary%20Committees.pdf>, Accessed: 19.04.2013

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| Evaluation | CIA: 20<br>End-Sem: 80<br><b>10 objective type questions</b> to be answered out of 13 of 2 marks each<br><b>(10x2=20)</b><br><b>2 essay type questions</b> to be answered out of 3 of 10 marks each <b>(2x10=20)</b><br><b>(Total= 40 marks per module)</b><br><b>40+40(Module I + Module II=80) (80+20 CIA=100)</b> |

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