

Amendment Bill to Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act Approved

The Union Cabinet approved a draft bill seeking to amend the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024.

A central law designed to curb paper leaks, unfair means, and organized malpractices in public competitive examinations.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Union Cabinet** chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** approved the draft bill amending the Public Examinations Act, 2024.
- The **amendment bill** aims to strengthen legal provisions against examination **paper leaks** and organized cheating.
- The **draft bill** is scheduled to be introduced in **Parliament** to enhance law enforcement mechanisms.
- The initiative addresses public demands for stricter transparency in national entrance and **recruitment tests**.
- The legislation seeks to safeguard candidate interests and ensure fairness across central **recruitment agencies**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act** was passed by Parliament in **February 2024**.

Under the 2024 Act, maximum fine for service providers involved in unfair practices is **₹1 crore**

Organized crime in public examinations attracts imprisonment up to **10 years** and minimum fine of **₹1 crore**.

All offences under the Public Examinations Act, 2024 are cognizable, **non-bailable**, and non-compoundable.

Article 107 of the Indian Constitution governs the introduction and passing of ordinary bills in Parliament.

Central recruiting bodies designated under the Act include **UPSC**, SSC, RRB, IBPS, and **NTA**.

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Public Examinations Act 2024 prescribes up to 10 years imprisonment and ₹1 crore fine for organized paper leaks.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1 and Group 2 exams under Unit 5 (Indian Polity).

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