

Centre Introduces Public Examinations Amendment Bill 2026 in Lok Sabha

The Central Government introduced the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, in Lok Sabha to strengthen anti-paper leak provisions.

A central legislative amendment designed to enhance penal sanctions and enforcement mechanisms against organized malpractices and paper leaks in national competitive examinations.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Union Minister **Jitendra Singh** introduced the **Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026**, in the **Lok Sabha**.
- The legislation aims to strengthen existing **anti-paper leak frameworks** and enhance deterrence against organized crime syndicates targeting **public recruitment exams**.
- The bill was introduced during the **Parliament Monsoon Session 2026** following nationwide concerns over entrance examination malpractices.
- The proposed amendments incorporate **non-bailable provisions**, **stricter monetary penalties**, and streamlined investigative procedures for central law enforcement agencies.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The original parent law, **Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act**, was enacted by Parliament in **February 2024**.

Under the 2024 Act, punishment for individuals committing unfair practices ranges from **3 to 5 years** of imprisonment along with fines up to **₹10 lakh**.

Organized paper leak offences under the parent law attract imprisonment of **8 to 10 years** and a minimum fine of **₹1 crore**.

Article 107 of the Constitution governs the general procedure regarding the introduction and passing of **Ordinary Bills** in Parliament.

Legislative competence over central public recruitment agencies and examinations falls under **Entry 70** of the **Union List** (Seventh Schedule).

Central investigative agencies designated under anti-paper leak legal provisions include the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act was passed in Feb 2024; organized leaks carry up to 10 years imprisonment.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for TNPSC Group 1, 2, and 2A exams under Union Parliament, Bills, and Governance Reforms.

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