

Lok Sabha Passes Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill

The Lok Sabha passed the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026 by a voice vote.

A central legislation designed to curb unfair practices, paper leaks, and organized malpractices in national competitive and public recruitment examinations.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Lok Sabha** passed the **Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026** by a voice vote.
- The Bill aims to prevent malpractices, **paper leaks**, and unauthorized access in central **public recruitment examinations**.
- Major central testing agencies covered include **UPSC**, SSC, Railway Recruitment Boards (RRB), IBPS, and **National Testing Agency** (NTA).
- All offences under this proposed legislation will be **non-bailable** and **cognizable** in nature.
- The legislation provides for strict punitive measures against **organized syndicates** involved in examination malpractices.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The principal **Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act** was originally enacted in **2024**.

Section 3 of the Act lists scheduled unfair means including **impersonation**, paper leaks, and tampering with computer networks.

General offences under the Act carry a punishment of **3 to 5 years** imprisonment and fines up to **₹10 lakh**.

Organized crime in public examinations attracts **5 to 10 years** imprisonment and a minimum fine of **₹1 crore**.

Article 315 of the Constitution provides for **Public Service Commissions** for the Union and for the States.

Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) submits its annual performance report to the **President** under **Article 323**.

Public Service Commission members are appointed by the President (Union) or **Governor** (State) under **Article 316**.

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Public Examinations Act makes paper leaks non-bailable offences with fines up to ₹1 crore for organized syndicates.

Syllabus Relevance: Highly relevant for Group 1, 2, and 4 under Unit 5 (Polity - Parliament, Acts, and Public Service Commissions).

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