

General Awareness

Council of Ministers

Article No.	Provision Title	Description / Key Points
Article 74	Council of Ministers to aid and advise the President	- There shall be a Council of Ministers headed by the Prime Minister to aid and advise the President. - President shall act in accordance with such advice (44th Amendment clarified this).
Article 75	Other provisions regarding Ministers	- PM appointed by President; other ministers appointed on PM's advice. - Ministers hold office during the pleasure of the President . - Collective Responsibility to Lok Sabha. - Minister must be a member of Parliament within 6 months of appointment. - Salaries as determined by Parliament.
Article 77	Conduct of business of Government of India	- All executive actions of the Government of India shall be expressed to be taken in the name of the President . - Allocation of business among ministers.
Article 78	Duties of the Prime Minister	- PM communicates all decisions of CoM to President. - PM furnishes information and submits matters for Presidential consideration when required.
Article 88	Rights of Ministers as Members	- Ministers have the right to speak and take part in the proceedings of either House, any committee, but cannot vote if not a member of the House.

Council of Ministers – Additional Key Information

Category	Details
Composition	PM + Cabinet Ministers + Ministers of State (with/without independent charge)
Maximum Limit	As per 91st Amendment Act, 2003 – Total number of Ministers shall not exceed 15% of the Lok Sabha strength .
Collective Responsibility	The entire Council is collectively responsible to Lok Sabha (Article 75(3))
Individual Responsibility	Ministers hold office during the pleasure of the President , implying dismissal on PM's advice.
Oath of Office	Administered by the President under Third Schedule of the Constitution
Difference: Cabinet vs CoM	- Cabinet is a smaller body within CoM, responsible for key decisions. - Council of Ministers includes all levels of ministers.

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