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The constructive role of Department related Standing Committees improves the efficiency of law making process in the country. Analyse.

The department related standing committees are parliamentary committees that are constituted on a periodic basis and runs yearlong. It was set up on the recommendation of the rules committee of the Lok Sabha. Currently there are 24 standing department standing committees which comprises of both members from the Lok Sabha & and Rajya Sabha. The members are nominated by the speaker and chairman of the Loksabha & and Rajya Sabha respectively.

Functions of Department Standing Committees

- To examine various bills referred to it
- To consider the demand for budget allocation of different ministries
- To look into the annual reports of the concerned ministries
- To perform policy thinking on the vision, mission and future direction of the ministry concerned.

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But recently there's been a standstill in the functioning of the committee. Various ministries prefer not to refer the standing committees as they believe these committee pose hindrance to their work. Only 27% of the bills have been referred to the standing committees during the tenure of the 14th Lok Sabha.

Referring a committee and examination of a bill of a concerned ministry tends to be of more benefit than a drawback to the government.

Merits of standing committees

- The deliberations are devoid of party bias.
- Experts in the particular field can be invited to avail their opinions.
- It facilitates opportunity of participation to all members irrespective of their party.
- Opposition parties can now play a major role in financial control.
- Economic efficiency of public expenditure can be maintained.

Eventhough the idea of department standing committee might be a negative aspect for the ruling government, one cannot ignore the fact that the tenor and ambience of discussions in these committees helps in lawmaking