

Press Council of India
Meetings
Frequently Asked Question

Question 1: When one's case will be listed before Inquiry Committee?

Ans: In cases where the papers are complete viz. Comments/Written Statement/Counter Comments, are placed before the Inquiry Committee in due course. An agenda of cases is prepared and Notices to the Parties are issued accordingly as per the schedule of Inquiry Committee hearings. Calendar of Hearings is uploaded on the website of the Council.

Question 2: What is the procedure of Inquiry Committee hearing ?

Ans: Following procedure is followed for the Inquiry Committee hearing:

- Notice of hearing indicating date and time of the hearing is issued to the parties.
- The case may be represented by self or authorized representative.
- The Inquiry Committee hear out the case with the papers filed before the Council & oral submissions can also be made during the hearing.
- Both parties (Complainant and Respondent) can adduce further papers during the hearing.
- At the close of the inquiry, the Committee shall make a report of its finding on the allegations contained in the complaint together with its reasons and submit the Report of the case to the Council for its ratification.

Question 3: After adjournment of the case, when it will be relisted?

Ans: The Council has two Inquiry Committees which are Inquiry

Committee –I and Inquiry Committee-II. The case adjourned by Inquiry Committee-I will be relisted before subsequent Inquiry Committee-I and the case adjourned by Inquiry Committee-II will be relisted before subsequent Inquiry Committee-II. Annual Calendar of meetings is available on Council’s website.

Question 4: What is the action on Inquiry Committee report by the Council?

Ans: The recommendations of Inquiry Committee in the cases are placed before full Council meeting for its ratification, which generally meets after every three months. (Council meeting is fixed as per Calendar uploaded on website)

Question 5: When one will receive copy of adjudication ?

Ans: After ratification by the full Council, the adjudications are uploaded in Council’s website for information of public and process is started to forward adjudications to parties. The process is completed generally in a fortnight.

Question 6: What are the general powers of the Council?

Ans: For the purpose of performing its functions or holding any inquiry, the Council shall have the same powers throughout India as are vested in a civil court while trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (5 of 1908), in respect of the following matters, namely:-

- a. Summoning and enforcing the attendance of persons and examining them on oath;
 - b. Requiring the discovery and inspection of documents’
 - c. Receiving evidence on affidavits;
 - d. Requisitioning any public record or copies thereof from any court or office.
 - e. Issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses or documents; and
 - f. Any other matter, which may be prescribed.
- Every Inquiry held by the Council shall be deemed to be judicial proceeding within the meaning of sections 193 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860)

