

Selection of Subjects for examination-

The committee shall determine from time to time the subjects to be examined by it. The Committee may examine every complaint, petition or representation received from individuals and other associations relating to environmental problems, environmental imbalances caused by different kinds of pollution, if it falls within the functions assigned to the committee.

The Committee shall have the power to conduct suo moto examination of any issue which comes to their notice either through media reports or from other sources, provided that they fall within the scope of the functions of the Committee.

However, representations which fall in the following categories shall not be considered by the Committee:

(i) Anonymous letters or letters on which names and or address of senders are not given or are illegible or not authenticated;

(ii) endorsement copies of letters addressed to authorities other than the Speaker or the House unless there is a specific request on such a copy praying for the redressal of grievance;

(iii) representations on matters which fall within the cognizance of a court of law having jurisdiction in any part of India or a court of enquiry or a statutory tribunal or authority or a quasi judicial body or a commission;

(iv) representations of frivolous and vexatious nature or those not couched in respectful, decorous or temperate language or casting aspersions on the conduct of a Member of Legislative Assembly or a Member of Parliament;

(v) representations from individuals and associations for which the petitioners have not approached the concerned authorities for redressal of their grievances and if they have done so, at least three months have not elapsed from the date of submitting the petition to the authority.

Provided that the Committee may consider any representation even if the petitioner had not approached the concerned authorities, if it satisfied that the matter is urgent, is of sufficient importance and if the Committee deems it fit for consideration due to other reasons.

To whom to be addressed

Every representation, letter from individuals or associations under Rule 261D shall be addressed to the Speaker or the Chairman of the Committee or the Secretary to Legislature or the Committee as such.