

1. BRIEFLY DISCUSS THE COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN THE STATE.

In a parliamentary arrangement council of ministers constitutes real executive. However, the Constitution of India does not specify the size of the CoM or the ranking of the ministers. They are determined by the chief minister according to the exigencies of time and requirements of the situations.

Like at the Centre, the CoM at the state level consists of three categories of ministers, namely, the cabinet ministers, ministers of state and deputy ministers. The difference between them lies with respect to their ranks, emoluments and political importance. The Chief Minister is the supreme head of the CoM.

The size of the CoM depends on the discretionary authority of the CM. The cabinet ministers hold important portfolios like home, education, finance, agriculture and so on. They meet together as a body and play an important role in making policies for the state. The ministers of state and deputy ministers are not members of the cabinet.

