

Timeframe of the CA Committees

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The committees of the CA have drafted reports including the identification of their jurisdiction, building separate working schedule of sub-committees, internal working procedures, identification of experts and resources, and suggestions collected from the people. By following specific working procedures and processes, the reports have turned out to be more systematic. To make their jobs smooth and fast, the Committees have been discussed time and again in small groups with the formation of sub-committees and task forces.

On December 22, 2008, the Constitutional Committee had formed a task force for submitting a report on identification of jurisdiction of the Committee, formation of work details, internal working procedures of meetings, formation of working schedule, and identification of experts' service to the Committee. Nilambar Acharya, Agni Prasad Kharel, Khimlal Devkota, Nilam Varma and Rukmini Chaudhary were in the task force.

The Constitutional Committee has formed various sub-committees: constitutional sub-committee, preamble sub-committee, constitution sub-committee, constitution amendment sub-committee, political parties and miscellaneous sub-committee, and emergency management sub-committee for the study of various themes under the responsibility of the Committee. A similar task force of Nilambar Acharya, Bhim Rawal, and Barshaman Pun was formed to draft a report through studying of questions and integrating the suggestions from CA members received in the secretariat.

A sub-committee was formed to finalise the concept papers of the various sub-committees after discussions in the Committee. This sub-committee was also tasked with providing analytical comments while preparing the final draft. From committee formation to report submission, 79 meetings were held for a time of 205 hours.

The National Interest Preservation Committee has formed a sub-committee to decide the jurisdiction of the Committee. The sub-committee held three meetings. The sub-committee

for reference materials collection and capacity development also held three meetings. The sub-committee for management of international border and sovereignty, independence and constitutional measures of national unity held eight rounds of meeting. Similarly, the sub-committee for the identification of national interest and its definition as well as protection of national natural resources and international relations and international agreements and treaties sub-committee respectively conducted eight and seven rounds of meeting. The full meeting of the Committee was held 62 times on national interest protection including committee to a total of 337 hours.

Two sub-committees were formed under the Committee on Natural Resources, Financial Rights and Revenue Sharing. These two sub-committees were related with natural resources, and financial rights and revenue sharing. These sub-committees were given the responsibility of submitting a draft of the constitution within the jurisdiction of the Committee. The sub-committees spent 77 hours in 37 meetings. The full meeting of the committee took place 65 times for a total of 202 hours and 30 minutes.

Time spent by the Committees

S.N.	Committee	Numbers of meeting	Time
01	Constitutional	79	205 hours
02	National Interest Preservation	98	337 hours
03	Natural Resources, Economic Rights and Revenue Sharing	92	334 hours 30 minutes
04	Determining the Structure of Constitutional Bodies ¹	54	191 hours
05	Determining the Structure of Legislative Body ²	50	209 hours 45 minutes
06	Judicial System	99	253 hours 45 minutes
07	Protection of Rights of Minorities and Marginalised Communities	48	352 hours
08	Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles	197	478 hours 30 minutes

¹ Full meeting of committee and time

² The number of full meeting of the committee and time

09	Determining the Bases of Cultural and Social solidarity	81	223 hours 24 minutes
10	Determining the Form of Government	155 ³	246 hours 50 minutes ⁴
11	State Restructuring and Distribution of State Power	176 ⁵	334 hours 28 minutes ⁶

Source: Based on the reports submitted by the committees

Note: the meeting duration of sub-committee and task force also included here.

Under the Committee on Determining the Structure of Constitutional Bodies, seven formal and an informal sub-committees have been formed. These sub-committees are; sub-committee for determining the working schedule of the Committee, National Human Rights Commission sub-committee, Election Commission sub-committee, Public Commission sub-committee, Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority sub-committee, Auditor General Office sub-committee, and sub-committee related to other commissions. One informal task force was formed with the intention to reach conclusions through discussion of other commissions. A total of 191 hours were spent in 54 meetings.

Two sub-committees were formed under the Committee for Determining the Structure of the Legislative Body. The first sub-committee was for the identification of resource materials, identification of experts on the constitution-drafting process, jurisdiction of the committee and formulation of working schedule of the Committee, and second for the drafting of the preliminary report including the Committee's recommendations. The meeting of this Committee was held 55 times, and 209 hours and 45 minutes was spent all together.

On the Judicial System Committee, seven task forces and sub-committee were formed. The task forces are related with working schedule preparation, questionnaire, working details preparation of the Committee A and B⁷, and management of opinions and suggestions, preparation of concept paper, and preliminary draft preparation. The meeting of the task

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⁷ For the preparation of working details two sub-committees A and B are formed

forces was held 49 times and a total time of 118 hours and 15 minutes was spent. The full meeting of the Judicial Systems Committee sat for 135 hours 30 minutes in 50 meetings.

Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Minorities and Marginalised Communities formed two sub-committees and task force. First, a sub-committee on work performance, draft and concept paper preparation, and the second was formed for the analysis of opinions received from the people. From draft report to finalisation, 48 rounds of meetings were held and 352 hours were used for discussion.

The Committee on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles has formed seven sub-committees and two task forces. The sub-committee for the identification of fundamental rights and duties and restriction on fundamental rights held 16 meetings for a total of 42 hours. Similarly, the meeting of the sub-committee on responsibility of the state, directive principles and policies was held seven times for a total of 16 hours. The meeting of the sub-committee related to citizenship was held 11 times for 21 hours 30 minutes. The meeting of gender and sexual matters sub-committee was held nine times for 15 hours 30 minutes. The meeting of sub-committee of social justice, inclusion and special protection was held 20 times for a total of 35 hours. In this way, the meeting of sub-committee “abashista” rights and inter committee coordination was held seven times, and 12 hours and 30 minutes were spent on the theme. The meeting of sub-committee of concept preparation and preliminary draft was held 55 times for a total of 143 hours.

The task force tasked with fundamental rights, formed under the sub-committee on concept and preliminary draft held 14 meeting for 41 hours and 30 minutes. Similarly, a directive principles-related task force was formed under the concept and preliminary draft preparation sub-committee, which held 10 meetings for 19 hours and 30 minutes.

The full meeting of the Committee on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles was held 47 times for a total of 131 hours and 45 minutes and came out with the longest draft of any committee in the CA at 569 pages. The Committee on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principle also held most meetings and discussions. A total of 197 meetings of the Committee, sub-committees, and task force were held for 478 hours and 30 minutes.

Under the Committee for Determining the Base of Cultural and Social Solidarity, two sub-committees were formed, one related to language and another to cultural and social

solidarity. Fifteen rounds of meeting were held for the sub-committee related to language, and eighteen rounds of meeting for the sub-committee related to cultural and social solidarity. The complete meeting of this committee was held 47 times, including committee, sub-committee meetings for 223 hours and 24 minutes.

The Committee for Determining the Form of the Government has formed two sub-committees; the form of the government and electoral system, and regulation of public service, formation and good governance. The sub-committee on the form of the government and electoral system held 19 meetings, and 31 hours and 45 minutes were spent on discussion. Similarly, the sub-committee on the regulation of public service, formation and good governance also held 19 meetings for 31 hours and 10 minutes. The full meeting of the Committee was held 77 times, and 183 hours and 55 minutes was focused on discussions.

Under the Committee of State Restructuring and Distribution of State Power, 12 sub-committees and task force were formed including the time table and work division sub-committee, the sub-committee to draft the questionnaire in order to collect public suggestions, the sub-committee to prepare the preliminary draft to make the concept papers within its jurisdiction. Likewise, another task force was formed to study about the selection of the essential subject matters, categorisation, editing, reframing of the draft concept paper and another task force to submit a preliminary draft of the constitution, determining the number of regions, bordering and naming of them. And, the task forces to prepare the draft of the concept paper were also formed.

The meetings of the Committee of State Restructuring and Distribution of the State Power took place 127 times, and its sub-committee meeting was held 49 times. The committee and sub-committee meetings spent 334 hours and 28 minutes in total. Some meetings took up more than thirteen hours a day. The meeting on December 21, 2009, started from 8 am and ended at 9 pm when drafts submitted by sub-committees were discussed upon and finalised.