



Centre Proposes Stricter Anti-Paper Leak Law

The **Union Cabinet** has approved a draft Bill to amend the **Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024**, proposing stricter penalties to curb paper leaks and examination malpractices. The amendments prescribe a **minimum five-year imprisonment** for offenders and stronger provisions against organised examination fraud.

For organised paper leaks, the proposed law provides for **up to 10 years' imprisonment** and a **maximum fine of ₹10 crore**, replacing the relatively lighter penalties under the existing Act. The move aims to enhance the integrity and credibility of public recruitment examinations.

APSC Relevance: Polity; Governance.