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Title: Difference between Cabinet and Council of Ministers With Their Detailed Comparisons

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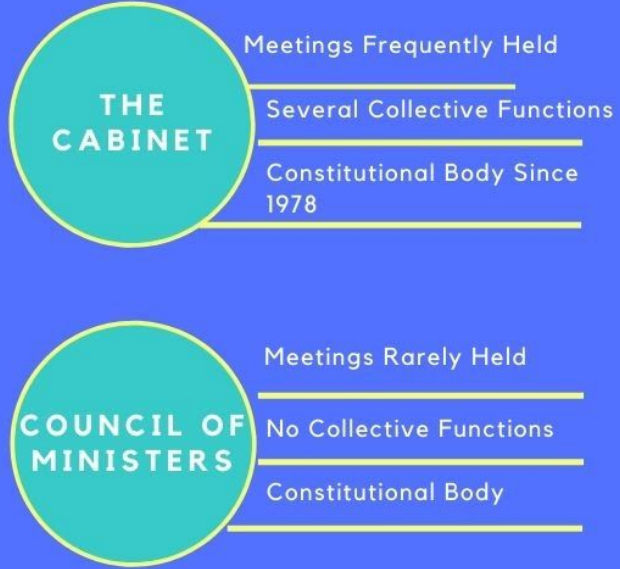
Difference Between Cabinet and Council of Ministers

The Prime Minister of India is the deciding authority on how the Council of Ministers will be structured. Based on factors such as experience and seniority the Council of Ministers is divided into the following:

- The Cabinet
- Minister of State
- Deputy Minister
- Parliamentary Secretaries

It is not usual for the Cabinet and Council of Ministers to be confused with one another, the only similarity is that they both report to the Prime Minister. There are other factors that make them different from each other.

Analyze the Difference Between the Cabinet and Council of Ministers



This article highlights what those key factors of difference between the Cabinet and Council of Ministers within the context of the [IAS Exam](#)

The differences between a Cabinet and Council of Ministers are given in the table below:

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Cabinet	Council of Ministers
The cabinet consists of many senior ministers who hold important portfolios such as defence, home affairs, education etc.	They consist of Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Ministers of State
It was conferred the status of a constitutional body after the passing of the Constitutional Amendment Act of 1978 (Also Known as 44th Amendment)	It is a constitutional body

<p>The Cabinet consists of some of the most experienced ministers. Thus the Prime Minister seeks their advice on important matters. The decisions of the cabinet are binding to all ministers</p>	<p>It is up to the Prime Minister to consult with the council of ministers or not when it comes to making important decisions</p>
<p>It enforces the collective responsibility of the council to its members</p>	<p>It enforces collective responsibility to the lower houses of the parliament</p>
<p>The Cabinet meets as frequently as possible to formulate policies and to decide on certain matters of national importance</p>	<p>The meetings between the council of ministers are rare.</p>
<p>The size of the cabinet is about 15-20 ministers</p>	<p>The council of ministers usually consists of about 60 to 70 ministers of the government.</p>