

A Brief Timeline of the Lok Pal Bill

1963	The idea of an ombudsman first came up in parliament during a discussion on budget allocation for the Law Ministry.
1966	The First Administrative Reforms Commission recommended the setting up of two independent authorities- at the central and state level, to look into complaints against public functionaries, including MPs.
1968-2011	The Lok Pal Bill was introduced in parliament 8 times but was not passed.
2002	The Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution (headed by Shri M.N. Venkatachiliah) recommended the appointment of the Lok Pal and Lokayuktas; also recommended that the PM be kept out of the ambit of the authority.
2005	The second Administrative Reforms Commission (chaired by Shri Veerappa Moily) recommended that office of Lok Pal be established without delay.
2011	The government formed a Group of Ministers, chaired by Pranab Mukherjee to suggest measures to tackle corruption and examine the proposal of a Lok Pal bill.

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