Difference Between Cabinet and Council of Ministers

Below, the difference between Cabinet and Council of Ministers is given in a tabulated form for your reference.

Basis	Cabinet Ministers	Council of Ministers
Level of Seniority	Senior ministers with the most experience and influence	Junior ministers with less experience
Strength of Ministers	15 to 18	Not fixed but mostly around 40 to 60 (Ideally, it should not be more than 15 per cent of the Lok Sabha strength)
Categories	Important ministries under Central Government are Home Affairs, Finance, Defence, Health, Education, Road Transport and Highways, and External Affairs.	Cabinet Ministers: Senior ministers in charge of major ministries Ministers of State: Take charge of smaller ministries. However, they still work under the guidance and supervision of the Cabinet Ministers Deputy Ministers: They do not get any independent charge. They assist the Cabinet Ministers.
Frequency of Meetings	Frequently	Rarely
Decision making	- Decides and develops new policies - Coordinates and supervises the implementation	Implements the policies developed by Cabinet Ministers

Although there is a difference between the Cabinet and Council of Ministers, both support the Prime Minister in suggesting improved methods and work towards developing and implementing improved policies.

Council of Ministers

The highest governing body of the Indian government is the Union Council of Ministers. The council is tasked with governing the country and providing advice to the president of India. The leaders of each executive government ministry sit on it, which is presided over by the prime minister. The council currently has 29 members, including the prime minister, and is presided over by Narendra Modi, the current prime minister. The Indian Parliament has jurisdiction over the council.

The Council of Ministers works together to effectively respond to new challenges and the unique needs of modern India. The President of India appoints the Council of Ministers as advised by the Prime Minister. Articles 74 and 75 provide detailed information on the provisions associated with the Council of Ministers.

What is Cabinet Minister?

A cabinet minister is a minister of the executive of a government that has been nominated to the cabinet, which is made up of the prime minister's top advisers, counsellors to the prime minister, and overseers of other government departments. The top decision-making body in India is a smaller executive body known as the Union Cabinet, which is a subset of the Union Council of Ministers and includes individuals holding significant portfolios and ministries.