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PREFACE

This Pamphlet contains statistical information relating to notices of questions received during the Two Hundred and Forty Fourth Session of the Rajya Sabha and disposal thereof. There are eleven statements containing different kinds of information which have been compiled from statistics relating to questions dealt with during the Session. Statement-X contains some figures showing, at a glance, certain important features pertaining to questions.

NEW DELHI;
22 January, 2018
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General

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STATEMENT-I

*Statement showing the notices of Starred and Unstarred
Questions received, Group-wise*

GROUP-I

Defence; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Earth Sciences; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Information and Broadcasting; Mines; Panchayati Raj; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Science and Technology; Shipping; Textiles; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. 1122

GROUP-II

Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Civil Aviation; Corporate Affairs; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; Minority Affairs; New and Renewable Energy; Power. 1176

GROUP-III

Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel; Tourism; Youth Affairs and Sports. 1363

GROUP-IV

Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Affairs; Human Resource Development; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development. 1393

GROUP-V

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Coal; Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Electronics and Information Technology; Food Processing Industries; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Railways. 1786

TOTAL:

6840

STATEMENT-II

Statement showing the notices of Starred and Unstarred Questions received, sitting-wise

Sl. No.	Date of sitting	Notices of Starred Questions received	Notices of Unstarred Questions received	Total notices received	Notices received in Hindi
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	15.12.2017	207	96	303	27
2.	18.12.2017	333	145	478	66
3.	19.12.2017	341	148	489	56
4.	20.12.2017	287	132	419	58
5.	21.12.2017	309	137	446	61
6.	22.12.2017	356	135	491	84
7.	27.12.2017	285	176	461	56
8.	28.12.2017	281	180	461	68
9.	29.12.2017	299	171	470	83
10.	01.01.2018	406	238	644	94
11.	02.01.2018	425	262	687	103
12.	03.01.2018	298	185	483	77
13.	04.01.2018	289	197	486	72
14.	05.01.2018	328	194	522	94
TOTAL:		4444	2396	6840	999

STATEMENT-III

Abstract showing the disposal of notices of Starred and Unstarred Questions

Category of Questions	Notices received	Admitted	Admitted by clubbing	Notices declubbed	Disallowed	Lapsed	Returned	Withdrawn	Cancelled
Starred	4444	210	-	10	228	2568	10	-	1
Unstarred	2396	2239+	404++	2	191	967	10	-	-
TOTAL:	6840	2449	404	12	419	3535	20	-	1

+ Includes 1226 notices of Starred Questions admitted as Unstarred Questions.

++ Includes 191 notices of Starred Questions admitted as Unstarred Questions by clubbing.

STATEMENT-IV

Abstract showing the notices (Starred and Unstarred) received in respect of each Ministry/Department and their disposal

(Figures shown in brackets indicate the notices of Questions received in Hindi)

Sl. No.	Name of Ministry/Department	Notices received	Admitted		Admitted by clubbing	Notices de-clubbed	Dis-allowed	Lapsed	Returned/Withdrawn/Cancelled	Starred Questions orally answered	No. of Supplementaries asked
			Starred	Unstarred							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1.	Prime Minister	5(1)	-	-	-	-	5(1)	-	-	-	-
2.	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	422(98)	13(4)	161(31)	32(11)	2(2)	31(9)	183(41)	-	3	13
3.	Atomic Energy	30(1)	2(1)	16(0)	0(0)	-	-	12(0)	-	-	-
4.	Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)	46(2)	0(0)	11(1)	0(0)	-	1(0)	34(1)	-	-	-
5.	Chemicals and Fertilizers	98(8)	2(0)	39(4)	2(0)	-	4(0)	51(4)	-	-	-
6.	Civil Aviation	171(21)	4(2)	48(7)	12(2)	-	16(3)	90(7)	1(0)	3	5
7.	Coal	92(9)	3(0)	34(2)	4(0)	-	1(1)	50(6)	-	1	2
8.	Commerce and Industry	217(21)	5(0)	73(7)	9(4)	-	16(4)	114(6)	-	-	-
9.	Communications	144(18)	4(1)	56(5)	7(0)	-	8(1)	69(11)	-	1	5
10.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	170(23)	4(1)	57(5)	9(2)	1(0)	8(0)	91(15)	-	2	5

11.	Corporate Affairs	30(3)	1(0)	7(0)	-	-	-	22(3)	-	-	-
12.	Culture	72(13)	5(2)	29(6)	1(0)	-	4(2)	33(3)	-	-	-
13.	Defence	189(16)	9(1)	60(6)	10(1)	-	6(0)	102(8)	2(0)	-	-
14.	Development of North Eastern Region	11(2)	1(1)	2(0)	-	-	3(1)	5(0)	-	1	5
15.	Drinking Water and Sanitation	89(19)	1(1)	22(8)	2(2)	-	8(1)	56(7)	-	-	-
16.	Earth Sciences	23(3)	1(0)	3(0)	-	-	-	19(3)	-	-	-
17.	Electronics and Information Technology	161(12)	6(0)	55(5)	12(0)	-	5(0)	82(7)	1(0)	2	8
18.	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	215(31)	7(2)	60(4)	13(8)	-	6(2)	129(15)	-	-	-
19.	External Affairs	175(16)	3(0)	51(3)	8(3)	-	14(0)	99(10)	-	-	-
20.	Finance	411(61)	14(1)	102(17)	28(14)	-	8(0)	253(29)	6(0)	11	27
21.	Food Processing Industries	43(6)	1(0)	12(3)	2(0)	-	3(1)	25(2)	-	-	-
22.	Health and Family Welfare	325(49)	5(1)	89(10)	17(4)	-	9(3)	205(31)	-	5	12
23.	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	49(2)	2(0)	15(0)	2(0)	-	3(0)	27(2)	-	-	-
24.	Home Affairs	462(54)	13(1)	171(20)	29(10)	-	28(7)	214(16)	7(0)	-	-
25.	Housing and Urban Affairs	208(26)	7(2)	84(8)	12(3)	1(0)	18(2)	86(11)	-	1	0
26.	Human Resource Development	397(63)	13(1)	135(25)	33(16)	-	62(5)	154(16)	-	2	10
27.	Information and Broadcasting	45(0)	1(0)	9(0)	1(0)	-	2(0)	32(0)	-	-	-
28.	Labour and Employment	208(49)	7(0)	77(19)	14(11)	-	15(3)	95(16)	-	-	-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29.	Law and Justice	151(12)	6(0)	46(2)	11(1)	3(0)	17(1)	68(8)	-	1	4
30.	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	43(3)	2(1)	14(0)	3(0)	-	2(0)	22(2)	-	-	-
31.	Mines	16(3)	-	3(1)	-	-	-	13(2)	-	-	-
32.	Minority Affairs	39(2)	1(0)	11(0)	-	-	4(1)	23(1)	-	-	-
33.	New and Renewable Energy	58(6)	3(0)	23(3)	1(0)	-	-	31(3)	-	2	10
34.	Panchayati Raj	25(2)	-	8(2)	1(0)	-	1(0)	15(0)	-	-	-
35.	Parliamentary Affairs	18(2)	-	3(0)	-	-	3(0)	12(2)	-	-	-
36.	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	53(7)	2(1)	17(3)	-	1(1)	5(0)	28(2)	-	-	-
37.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	133(13)	4(1)	46(3)	5(0)	-	6(0)	72(9)	-	-	-
38.	Planning	26(5)	-	10(3)	1(0)	-	3(0)	12(2)	-	-	-
39.	Power	96(15)	2(1)	29(5)	5(0)	-	1(0)	59(9)	-	-	-
40.	Railways	487(100)	21(4)	176(38)	43(20)	2(2)	26(6)	219(30)	-	6	27
41.	Road Transport and Highways	155(26)	1(1)	43(10)	10(6)	-	9(5)	88(4)	4(0)	-	-
42.	Rural Development	104(20)	3(1)	29(4)	2(1)	-	4(2)	66(12)	-	1	-
43.	Science and Technology	24(3)	1(0)	9(2)	2(0)	-	-	12(1)	-	-	-
44.	Shipping	37(1)	1(1)	14(0)	1(0)	-	3(0)	18(0)	-	-	-
45.	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	73(15)	5(1)	22(3)	6(4)	-	2(1)	38(6)	-	-	-

46.	Social Justice and Empowerment	178(40)	10(0)	47(10)	23(17)	2(1)	19(5)	77(7)	-	4	11
47.	Space	17(0)	1(0)	7(0)	1(0)	-	4(0)	4(0)	-	-	-
48.	Statistics and Programme Implementation	10(2)	-	3(0)	2(0)	-	1(1)	4(1)	-	-	-
49.	Steel	38(5)	1(1)	12(1)	4(2)	-	2(0)	19(1)	-	-	-
50.	Textiles	57(13)	1(0)	18(5)	8(5)	-	2(0)	28(3)	-	-	-
51.	Tourism	69(8)	3(0)	23(2)	3(0)	-	2(1)	38(5)	-	-	-
52.	Tribal Affairs	69(12)	2(1)	23(4)	-	-	2(0)	42(7)	-	-	-
53.	Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	143(23)	4(1)	42(8)	3(0)	-	4(0)	90(14)	-	-	-
54.	Women and Child Development	165(24)	2(1)	70(11)	10(2)	-	10(0)	73(10)	-	-	-
55.	Youth Affairs and Sports	48(10)	-	13(1)	-	-	3(1)	32(8)	-	-	-
TOTAL:		6840(999)	210(38)	2239(317)	404(149)	12(6)	419(70)	3535(419)	21(0)	46	144

STATEMENT-V

Statement showing the subjects on which considerable number of Questions were answered

Sl. No.	Name of Ministry/ Department	Subject	No. of Questions Admitted		No. of Supplementaries asked
			Starred	Unstarred	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Income/welfare of farmers	-	12	-
		Crops Insurance/PMFBY	2	11	-
2.	Atomic Energy	Nuclear power plant/generation	-	10	-
3.	Civil Aviation	Functioning /Performance of Air India	1	10	-
		Development and modernization of airports	3	7	4
4.	Commerce and Industry	Export/Import	2	20	-
5.	Communication	Internet/Broadband Services	0	15	-
6.	Culture	Monuments	2	12	-
7.	Defence	Indian Army	-	11	-
8.	Electronics and Information Technology	Cyber crime/ Security	2	9	3
		Aadhaar	2	19	-
9.	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Pollution	3	13	-
		Wildlife/wild animals	1	9	-
10.	Finance	GST	2	13	10

11.	Health and Family Welfare	Disease/Swine Flu/Dengue/Malaria/TB/ Zika etc.	1	14	3
12.	Home Affairs	Crimes against women and children	1	25	-
		Jammu and Kashmir	4	13	-
13.	Housing and Urban Affairs	Smart Cities	-	11	-
14.	Human Resource Development	Kendriya Vidyalayas/ Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas	2	10	-
		Central Universities	-	12	-
15.	Labour and Employment	Unorganised Sector Workers	2	11	-
	New and Renewable Energy	Solar Energy	1	10	-
		Renewable energy	2	7	10
16.	Railways	Railway Projects	5	13	9
		Train accidents and safety measures	5	19	5
		Ticketing/Fares	1	10	-
17.	Road Transport and Highways	National Highways	-	16	-
18.	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Skill Training	5	19	-
19.	Social Justice & Empowerment	SC/ST	-	10	-
20.	Women and Child Development	Malnourishment/ Malnutrition	-	18	-

STATEMENT-VI

Statements laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha in reply to Starred Questions

Copies of 208 statements (both in English and Hindi), which were laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha in reply to Starred Questions, were sent to the Rajya Sabha Notice Office and Lobby for being supplied to Members, half an hour before commencement of the Question Hour, in pursuance of the announcement made by the Chairman in the House on the 16th July, 1952. In addition to this, a copy each of the statements was also kept at the seats of Members concerned. Spare copies of the statements were placed at the counter in Lobby for use by other Members.

STATEMENT-VII

Abstract showing the disposal of SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS

Dy. No.	Subject	Name of the Member	Ministry/ Department	Disposal	No. of supplementaries asked
Nil					

STATEMENT-VIII

*Statement showing the disposal of notices received for raising
HALF-AN- HOUR DISCUSSION on matters of public importance arising out
of answers to Questions*

Dy. No.	Subject	Name of the Member	Ministry/ Department	Disposal	No. of Members who took part in the discussion
1.	Use of amount charged on non-maintenance of minimum bank balance	Shrimati Chhaya Verma	Finance	Disallowed	-
2.	Unemployment among youth	Ms. Dola Sen	Labour and Employment	Disallowed	-

Disallowed: 2

STATEMENT-IX

Abstract of Statements made/laid by the Ministers correcting replies to Questions given in the Rajya Sabha

Sl. No.	Date	Statement made/laid by	No. of Question to which statement was made/laid	Date of answer to the Question	Subject of the Question
1.	04.1.2018	Shri Jayant Sinha, Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation	Unstarred Question 337	19.12.2017	UDAN Scheme

STATEMENT-X

Some interesting features pertaining to Questions asked and answered in the Rajya Sabha

1. The number of sittings on which the Question time was originally allotted..... 14
2. The number of sittings on which the Question Hour was dispensed with..... Nil
3. The number of sittings which were adjourned without transacting any business..... Nil
4. The number of sittings on which Question time was allotted but no Questions were orally answered in the House..... 6 (on 15.12.2017, 20.12.2017, 21.12.2017, 22.12.2017, 27.12.2017 and 3.1.2018)
5. The number of sittings cancelled..... 1(on 1.1.2018)
6. The number of sittings extended without Question Hour (special sittings)..... Nil
7. The number of notices of Questions (Starred and Unstarred) received in Hindi..... 999
8. The number of Members from whom notices were received..... 140
9. The maximum number of times any Member's name appeared in the ballot of Starred Questions..... 7 (of Shri Ritabrata Banerjee)
10. The number of Starred Questions answered orally 46
11. The number of Starred Questions on which Supplementaries were put..... 44
12. The number of Supplementary Questions put..... 144
13. The number of Questions to which written replies were laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha..... 2403
14. The maximum number of notices received from any one Member..... 138 (from Shri Shankarbhai N. Vegad)

15. Maximum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member..... 32 (against Shri A.K.Selvaraj)
16. Minimum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member..... 1 (each against Shrimati Kakhshan Perween and Shri Vayalar Ravi)
17. The maximum number of Supplementary Questions put by any one Member..... 6 (by Shri Harivansh)
18. The maximum number of Supplementaries asked by any one Member on any one day..... 3 (by Shri Harivansh on 29.12.2017)
19. The days on which there were less than 15 Questions in a Starred list..... Nil
20. The minimum number of Unstarred Questions put down in a day's list..... 159 (on 22.12.2017)
21. The maximum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day..... 15 (on 2.1.2018)
22. The minimum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day..... 6 (on 19.12.2017)
23. The maximum number of notices received on any one day after the issue of Bulletin for commencement of the Session..... 977 (on 1.12.2017)
24. The maximum number of Questions orally answered on any one subject..... 2 (on GST)
25. The maximum number of supplementaries raised on any one Question..... 5
26. The maximum number of notices addressed to any one Minister by Members..... 487 (to Minister of Railways)
27. The maximum number of admitted Questions addressed to any one Minister..... 197 (to Minister of Railways)
28. The maximum number of Questions orally answered by any one Minister..... 11 (by Minister of Finance)

29.	The maximum number of Supplementary Questions answered by any one Minister.....	27 (each by Minister of Finance and Minister of Railways)
30.	Number of Questions answered by a Minister, other than by the Minister-in-charge.....	Nil*
31.	Average number of Questions received per sitting.....	488.57
32.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting...	3.28
33.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting (only for those sittings when Questions were orally answered).....	6.57
34.	Average number of Supplementary Questions asked per sitting.....	10.29
35.	Average number of Supplementary Questions on each Question answered orally	3.13
36.	Average time taken on each Question orally answered.....	6.8 minutes
37.	Total number of Statements in reply to Questions sent to the Rajya Sabha Notice Office and Lobby half an hour before the Question Hour.....	208
38.	The largest number of Statements sent to the Rajya Sabha Notice Office with reference to Questions on any one day.	15
39.	The biggest statement laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha with reference to a Question sent to Notice Office and Lobby.....	49 pages (for SQ 192 answered on 4.1.2018)
40.	Total number of statements made/laid by Ministers correcting replies given by them to Questions in the Rajya Sabha.....	1

**However, one supplementary question on SQ. 184 against Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment was answered by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs on the direction of Hon'ble Chairman on 4.1.2018 .*

STATEMENT-XI

Statement showing the Observations/Directions/Rulings made/given for smooth functioning of Question Hour in the Rajya Sabha

Sl. No.	Observations/Directions/Rulings made/given by Chairman/Dy. Chairman	Date	Observations/Directions/Rulings made/given
1.	Chairman	02.1.2018	Presence of members during Question Hour "I have an observation to make. Surprisingly, five or six Members who have their Questions today did not turn up in the House. They have the liberty. I don't question them. At the same time, we have a responsibility. If you file a Question, so much time, energy and also resources are spent. Not coming to the House is not a good practice. Keep that in mind."
2.	Chairman	04.1.2018	Short supplementaries/questions and pointed answers "..... when questions are put, it should be short. Answer also should be to the point. Otherwise, we will not be able to cover many questions. Today more than seven questions could not be answered. Please keep that in mind....."
