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PREFACE

This Pamphlet contains statistical information relating to notices of Questions received during the Two Hundred and Forty First Session of the Rajya Sabha and disposal thereof. There are eleven statements containing various 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.

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STATEMENT-I

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

GROUP-I

Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Mines; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Planning; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. 1805

GROUP-II

Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Civil Aviation; Corporate Affairs; Defence; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; Minority Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports. 1735

GROUP-III

Commerce and Industry; Culture; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs. 2030

GROUP-IV

Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Women and Child Development. 1905

GROUP-V

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Electronics and Information Technology; Food Processing Industries; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Railways; Textiles. 2070

TOTAL:

9545

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.	16.11.2016	255	127	382	86
2.	17.11.2016	244	105	349	66
3.	18.11.2016	250	142	392	96
4.	21.11.2016	308	156	464	88
5.	22.11.2016	374	165	539	94
6.	23.11.2016	283	132	415	72
7.	24.11.2016	258	145	403	79
8.	25.11.2016	271	159	430	82
9.	28.11.2016	297	156	453	84
10.	29.11.2016	357	182	539	120
11.	30.11.2016	231	116	347	55
12.	01.12.2016	263	130	393	83
13.	02.12.2016	270	169	439	99
14.	05.12.2016	289	160	449	91
15.	06.12.2016	420	237	657	169
16.	07.12.2016	280	155	435	101
17.	08.12.2016	221	139	360	67
18.	09.12.2016	239	136	375	83
19.	12.12.2016	265	174	439	83
20.	14.12.2016	291	160	451	79
21.	15.12.2016	248	152	400	69
22.	16.12.2016	267	167	434	88
TOTAL:		6181	3364	9545	1934

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	6181	330	-	35	555	2959	11	16	-
Unstarred	3364	3517+	529++	16	303	1271	3	-	-
TOTAL:	9545	3847	529	51	858	4230	14	16	-

+ Includes 1976 notices of Starred Questions admitted as Unstarred Questions.

++ Includes 299 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	20(5)	-	-	-	-	10(2)	10(3)	-	-	-
2.	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	542(112)	23(1)	209(43)	26(7)	3(0)	48(7)	229(54)	4(0)	-	-
3.	Atomic Energy	60(7)	1(0)	28(1)	4(1)	-	7(2)	20(3)	-	-	-
4.	Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)	74(14)	2(0)	21(6)	6(4)	-	5(0)	40(4)	-	-	-
5.	Chemicals and Fertilizers	152(34)	6(2)	55(10)	6(0)	-	8(3)	76(19)	1(0)	-	-
6.	Civil Aviation	177(34)	7(1)	53(17)	23(13)	-	6(1)	87(2)	1(0)	-	-
7.	Coal	105(19)	3(0)	36(4)	1(0)	1(0)	12(3)	52(12)	-	-	-
8.	Commerce and Industry	393(48)	12(4)	117(12)	11(1)	1(1)	24(6)	228(24)	-	-	-
9.	Communications	159(30)	6(1)	54(13)	3(2)	1(0)	12(2)	83(12)	-	-	-
10.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	208(64)	5(3)	76(18)	13(3)	-	12(3)	101(37)	1(0)	-	-

11.	Corporate Affairs	28(2)	3(1)	8(0)	2(0)	-	0(0)	14(1)	1(0)	-	-
12.	Culture	128(18)	6(0)	62(8)	-	-	10(3)	50(7)	-	-	-
13.	Defence	282(56)	4(0)	70(21)	35(8)	3(0)	22(7)	143(20)	5(0)	-	-
14.	Development of North Eastern Region	24(2)	1(0)	7(0)	-	-	2(0)	14(2)	-	-	-
15.	Drinking Water and Sanitation	152(30)	5(3)	59(11)	3(1)	2(0)	11(0)	72(15)	-	-	-
16.	Earth Sciences	26(2)	1(0)	9(2)	-	-	3(0)	13(0)	-	-	-
17.	Electronics and Information Technology	101(12)	4(0)	42(6)	2(0)	2(0)	1(0)	50(6)	-	-	-
18.	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	353(63)	12(2)	121(22)	32(6)	1(0)	37(7)	150(26)	-	-	-
19.	External Affairs	227(34)	6(1)	86(11)	8(5)	1(0)	34(6)	91(11)	1(0)	-	-
20.	Finance	565(150)	9(1)	130(37)	43(14)	3(2)	15(1)	363(95)	2(0)	-	-
21.	Food Processing Industries	47(3)	-	17(2)	4(1)	-	2(0)	21(0)	3(0)	-	-
22.	Health and Family Welfare	476(92)	17(4)	152(29)	41(13)	4(0)	27(4)	234(42)	1(0)	-	-
23.	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	67(9)	1(0)	27(8)	-	-	7(1)	32(0)	-	-	-
24.	Home Affairs	605(130)	24(2)	238(42)	25(9)	6(0)	52(6)	259(71)	1(0)	-	-
25.	Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation	99(21)	3(1)	38(11)	3(1)	-	12(3)	40(5)	3(0)	-	-
26.	Human Resource Development	521(105)	25(3)	243(42)	32(7)	1(0)	76(23)	143(30)	1(0)	-	-
27.	Information and Broadcasting	101(16)	6(1)	40(6)	4(0)	-	14(2)	37(7)	-	-	-
28.	Labour and Employment	250(59)	5(1)	112(26)	13(3)	-	22(6)	98(23)	-	1	-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29.	Law and Justice	214(36)	10(1)	66(12)	9(4)	2(0)	46(8)	80(11)	1(0)	-	-
30.	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	94(20)	4(0)	38(7)	1(1)	-	6(1)	45(11)	-	-	-
31.	Mines	47(8)	3(1)	13(4)	-	-	2(0)	29(3)	-	-	-
32.	Minority Affairs	41(8)	2(0)	11(2)	2(0)	-	0(0)	26(6)	-	-	-
33.	New and Renewable Energy	109(12)	3(0)	42(4)	9(3)	1(0)	7(0)	47(5)	-	-	-
34.	Panchayati Raj	44(10)	2(0)	13(2)	1(0)	-	3(2)	25(6)	-	-	-
35.	Parliamentary Affairs	7(1)	-	-	-	-	2(0)	5(1)	-	-	-
36.	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	94(29)	4(0)	41(13)	7(5)	-	15(4)	27(7)	-	-	-
37.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	231(56)	11(3)	97(24)	12(5)	-	19(4)	92(20)	-	-	-
38.	Planning	49(8)	-	15(2)	5(2)	-	6(0)	23(4)	-	-	-
39.	Power	175(31)	6(1)	72(11)	14(6)	1(0)	25(7)	57(6)	-	-	-
40.	Railways	519(141)	19(6)	232(67)	28(16)	7(1)	24(2)	209(49)	-	1	-
41.	Road Transport and Highways	282(71)	9(1)	104(30)	25(10)	3(0)	29(8)	112(22)	-	-	-
42.	Rural Development	182(33)	3(2)	69(12)	17(1)	1(1)	22(4)	70(13)	-	-	-
43.	Science and Technology	44(8)	2(1)	23(2)	-	-	5(2)	14(3)	-	-	-
44.	Shipping	69(2)	1(0)	22(1)	-	-	4(0)	42(1)	-	-	-
45.	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	119(18)	4(2)	61(11)	9(0)	1(0)	7(2)	37(3)	-	-	-

46.	Social Justice and Empowerment	159(48)	4(0)	57(18)	4(3)	-	31(16)	63(11)	-	-	-
47.	Space	25(0)	-	13(0)	-	-	3(0)	9(0)	-	-	-
48.	Statistics and Programme Implementation	20(4)	1(1)	10(3)	-	-	-	9(0)	-	-	-
49.	Steel	48(11)	3(0)	21(7)	-	-	4(1)	18(3)	2(0)	-	-
50.	Textiles	121(15)	2(1)	48(3)	4(0)	1(0)	4(0)	62(11)	-	-	-
51.	Tourism	115(29)	5(1)	49(8)	1(0)	1(0)	7(3)	52(17)	-	-	-
52.	Tribal Affairs	99(13)	4(2)	39(4)	2(0)	-	6(0)	47(7)	1(0)	-	-
53.	Urban Development	180(31)	10(3)	75(11)	14(3)	1(0)	24(4)	55(10)	1(0)	-	-
54.	Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	238(59)	13(4)	74(18)	14(6)	3(2)	30(9)	104(20)	-	-	-
55.	Women and Child Development	186(34)	7(1)	69(5)	5(2)	-	33(13)	72(13)	-	-	-
56.	Youth Affairs and Sports	92(27)	1(1)	35(6)	6(2)	-	3(1)	47(17)	-	-	-
TOTAL:		9545(1934)	330(64)	3517(695)	529(168)	51(7)	858(189)	4230(811)	30(0)	2	-

STATEMENT-V

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

Sl. No.	Name of Ministry/ Department	Subject	<u>No. of Questions Admitted</u>		No. of Supplementaries asked
			Starred	Unstarred	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Agricultural production	7	30	-
		Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and other Crop Insurance Schemes	1	22	-
		Live stock and availability of fodder	1	15	-
2.	Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)	AYUSH hospitals/research centres, Standardisation of AYUSH medicines/practices	2	15	-
3	Chemicals and Fertilizers	Drug prices	3	12	-
4.	Civil Aviation	Development/ Modernisation of Airports	3	13	-
5.	Commerce and Industry	Export/Import	2	24	-
6.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Rise in prices of essential commodities	2	14	-
7	Culture	Protection of monuments	1	20	-
8	Defence	Import of arms/equipments/defence deals	2	13	-
9.	Drinking Water and Sanitation	Drinking water issues	2	14	-

10.	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Pollution	2	22	-
11.	Finance	Loans from Banks	3	20	-
12.	Health and Family Welfare	Diseases (Swine Flu/Dengue/Malaria/TB/Zika, etc.)	4	19	-
13.	Home Affairs	Crimes against Women and Children	1	15	-
		Jammu & Kashmir	1	19	-
14.	Human Resource Development	Kendriya Vidyalayas	3	14	-
15.	New and Renewable Energy	Solar energy/Power	3	21	-
16.	Railways	Passenger amenities	1	23	-
		Railway Projects	7	29	-
		Ticketing and fares	1	23	-
		Train accidents and safety measures	5	27	-
		Train services	3	15	-
17.	Road Transport and Highways	National Highways/NHAI	2	15	-
18.	Rural Development	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act	-	16	-
		Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana	1	15	-
19.	Tourism	Promotion of tourism	2	12	-
20.	Urban Development	Smart cities	2	14	-
21.	Water Resources, Ganga Rejuvenation and River Development	Ganga river	2	17	-
22.	Youth Affairs and Sports	Promotion of Sports/Sports Infrastructure	1	25	-

STATEMENT-VI

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

Copies of 319 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
Nil					

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
Nil					

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..... 22
2. The number of sittings on which the Question Hour was dispensed with..... 2 (on16.11.2016 and 24.11.2016)
3. The number of sittings which were adjourned without transacting any business..... 1(on 6.12.2016)
4. The number of sittings on which Question time was allotted but no Questions were orally answered in the House..... 16 (on 17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 28th, 29th and 30th November, 2016 and 1st, 5th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th and 16th December, 2016)
5. The number of sittings cancelled..... 1(on 12.12.2016)
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..... 1934
8. The number of Members from whom notices were received..... 147
9. The maximum number of times any Member's name appeared in the ballot of Starred Questions..... 10 (each of Shri Lal Singh Vadodia and Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy)
10. The number of Starred Questions answered orally 2
11. The number of Starred Questions on which Supplementaries were put..... Nil
12. The number of Supplementary Questions put..... Nil

13. The number of Questions to which written replies were laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha..... 3845
14. The maximum number of notices received from any one Member..... 319 (from Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy)
15. Maximum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member..... 52 (against Shri Parimal Nathwani)
16. Minimum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member..... 1 (each against Dr. C.P. Thakur and Kumari Selja)
17. The maximum number of Supplementary Questions put by any one Member..... Nil
18. The maximum number of Supplementaries asked by any one Member on any one day..... Nil
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..... 158 (on 17.11.2016)
21. The maximum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day..... Nil
22. The minimum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day..... Nil
23. The maximum number of notices received on any one day after the issue of Bulletin for commencement of the Session..... 824 (on 2.11.2016)
24. The maximum number of Questions orally answered on any one subject..... 1 (each on Acquiring land for Bandra-Kurla station for Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet train; and Cess collected under the Building and Other Costruction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996)

25.	The maximum number of supplementaries raised on any one Question.....	Nil
26.	The maximum number of notices addressed to any one Minister by Members.....	605 (to Minister of Home Affairs)
27.	The maximum number of admitted Questions addressed to any one Minister.....	268 (to Minister of Human Resource Development)
28.	The maximum number of Questions orally answered by any one Minister.....	1 (each by Minister of Labour and Employment and Minister of Railways)
29.	The maximum number of Supplementary Questions answered by any one Minister.....	Nil
30.	Number of Questions answered by a Minister, other than by the Minister-in-charge.....	Nil
31.	Average number of Questions received per sitting.....	433.86
32.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting...	0.09 (only 2 questions were orally answered in 22 sittings)
33.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting (only for those sittings when Questions were orally answered).....	1
34.	Average number of Supplementary Questions asked per sitting.....	Nil
35.	Average number of Supplementary Questions on each Question answered orally	Nil
36.	Average time taken on each Question orally answered.....	4 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.....	319
38.	The largest number of Statements sent to the Rajya Sabha Notice Office with reference to Questions on any one day.	15 (each on 16 th , 17 th , 18 th , 24 th , 25 th November, 2016 and 2 nd , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 9 th , 12 th , 15 th and 16 th December, 2016)

39. The biggest statement laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha with reference to a Question sent to Notice Office and Lobby..... 37 pages (for SQ 260 answered on 9.12.2016)
40. Total number of statements made/laid by Ministers correcting replies given by them to Questions in the Rajya Sabha..... Nil

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
			Nil
