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PREFACE

This Pamphlet contains statistical information relating to notices of Questions received during the Two Hundred and Forty Third 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;
21 September, 2017
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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

Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Earth Sciences; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Mines; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Science and Technology; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. 1321

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. 1893

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. 1726

GROUP-IV

Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; External Affairs; Housing and Urban Affairs; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Women and Child Development. 1656

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. 1840

TOTAL:

8436

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.	17.07.2017	208	129	337	64
2.	18.07.2017	223	116	339	70
3.	19.07.2017	238	103	341	56
4.	20.07.2017	242	131	373	65
5.	21.07.2017	285	138	423	84
6.	24.07.2017	324	128	452	88
7.	25.07.2017	329	151	480	85
8.	26.07.2017	323	126	449	80
9.	27.07.2017	291	147	438	67
10.	28.07.2017	297	148	445	83
11.	31.07.2017	333	199	532	90
12.	01.08.2017	328	188	516	80
13.	02.08.2017	291	165	456	62
14.	03.08.2017	257	170	427	69
15.	04.08.2017	293	181	474	62
16.	08.08.2017	352	206	558	87
17.	09.08.2017	291	189	480	65
18.	10.08.2017	249	169	418	54
19.	11.08.2017	299	199	498	82
TOTAL:		5453	2983	8436	1393

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	5453	285	-	38	454	2733	-	4	-
Unstarred	2983	3040+	540++	0	297	1045	-	-	-
TOTAL:	8436	3325	540	38	751	3778	-	4	-

+ Includes 1656 notices of Starred Questions admitted as Unstarred Questions.

++ Includes 283 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	13(2)	-	-	-	-	7(0)	6(2)	-	-	-
2.	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	486(123)	18(5)	184(33)	33(15)	8(6)	35(7)	208(57)	-	2	10
3.	Atomic Energy	44(5)	-	22(3)	3(0)	-	4(1)	15(1)	-	-	-
4.	Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)	91(29)	2(0)	28(10)	1(0)	-	8(3)	52(16)	-	-	-
5.	Chemicals and Fertilizers	150(11)	4(0)	46(6)	7(0)	-	11(1)	82(4)	-	1	5
6.	Civil Aviation	321(47)	8(0)	118(19)	18(4)	2(0)	28(7)	147(17)	-	-	-
7.	Coal	83(11)	2(1)	29(2)	5(2)	-	5(2)	42(4)	-	-	-
8.	Commerce and Industry	297(30)	6(0)	106(9)	19(6)	-	22(4)	144(11)	-	-	-
9.	Communications	150(16)	3(0)	57(11)	8(0)	-	4(0)	78(5)	-	1	5
10.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	162(21)	3(1)	58(6)	12(4)	-	15(1)	74(9)	-	-	-

11.	Corporate Affairs	43(6)	2(0)	14(2)	3(0)	-	4(0)	20(4)	-	-	-
12.	Culture	119(19)	10(2)	43(6)	1(0)	-	6(2)	58(8)	1(1)	1	5
13.	Defence	237(39)	3(0)	78(15)	18(7)	-	28(4)	110(13)	-	-	-
14.	Development of North Eastern Region	13(0)	2(0)	3(0)	2(0)	-	1(0)	5(0)	-	-	-
15.	Drinking Water and Sanitation	126(32)	8(1)	56(18)	5(1)	-	8(2)	49(10)	-	2	10
16.	Earth Sciences	23(3)	-	10(0)	-	-	-	13(3)	-	-	-
17.	Electronics and Information Technology	145(11)	3(1)	51(3)	14(2)	-	3(0)	74(5)	-	1	1
18.	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	241(42)	11(3)	87(20)	19(7)	2(2)	13(3)	108(7)	1(0)	2	8
19.	External Affairs	241(20)	8(1)	75(8)	13(0)	1(0)	58(4)	86(7)	-	4	20
20.	Finance	591(78)	20(3)	208(18)	39(10)	3(2)	40(8)	281(37)	-	-	-
21.	Food Processing Industries	38(7)	-	10(4)	-	-	-	28(3)	-	-	-
22.	Health and Family Welfare	458(92)	18(6)	146(32)	25(12)	6(0)	50(6)	213(36)	-	1	1
23.	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	61(3)	1(0)	23(2)	2(0)	1(0)	3(0)	31(1)	-	-	-
24.	Home Affairs	484(90)	14(4)	186(37)	30(12)	-	52(12)	202(25)	-	2	10
25.	Housing and Urban Affairs	227(43)	5(1)	91(21)	18(5)	-	24(6)	89(10)	-	1	5
26.	Human Resource Development	455(67)	16(2)	184(26)	34(10)	3(0)	59(10)	159(19)	-	4	18
27.	Information and Broadcasting	86(8)	9(1)	34(3)	3(2)	2(0)	7(0)	31(2)	-	5	16
28.	Labour and Employment	220(37)	5(0)	82(14)	16(7)	1(0)	8(1)	108(15)	-	1	5

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29.	Law and Justice	152(21)	6(1)	41(5)	13(2)	-	8(2)	84(11)	-	1	5
30.	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	69(9)	4(2)	20(4)	7(0)	-	7(1)	31(2)	-	-	-
31.	Mines	33(8)	2(0)	12(3)	5(4)	-	-	14(1)	-	-	-
32.	Minority Affairs	59(8)	2(0)	19(4)	1(0)	-	5(2)	32(2)	-	-	-
33.	New and Renewable Energy	71(8)	1(0)	26(4)	2(0)	-	2(0)	40(4)	-	-	-
34.	Panchayati Raj	23(6)	-	9(4)	-	-	2(0)	11(2)	1(0)	-	-
35.	Parliamentary Affairs	11(0)	-	3(0)	-	-	2(0)	6(0)	-	-	-
36.	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	93(16)	5(0)	37(6)	7(5)	1(0)	15(5)	28(0)	-	1	4
37.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	234(34)	8(1)	98(17)	15(5)	1(0)	18(0)	94(11)	-	1	2
38.	Planning	40(6)	-	21(3)	3(0)	-	2(0)	14(3)	-	-	-
39.	Power	116(11)	4(2)	38(3)	9(0)	-	11(2)	54(4)	-	-	-
40.	Railways	468(92)	18(4)	164(41)	44(16)	4(2)	22(0)	216(29)	-	3	10
41.	Road Transport and Highways	201(33)	3(1)	63(9)	10(1)	1(1)	20(3)	104(18)	-	-	-
42.	Rural Development	165(46)	9(4)	64(13)	11(2)	-	19(7)	62(20)	-	2	10
43.	Science and Technology	19(3)	-	7(3)	-	-	3(0)	9(0)	-	-	-
44.	Shipping	57(5)	-	27(2)	1(0)	-	1(0)	28(3)	-	-	-
45.	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	123(31)	5(0)	49(12)	18(3)	-	13(6)	38(10)	-	-	-

46.	Social Justice and Empowerment	134(36)	4(2)	50(9)	12(6)	-	24(9)	44(10)	-	2	10
47.	Space	33(1)	1(0)	7(0)	2(0)	-	5(0)	18(1)	-	-	-
48.	Statistics and Programme Implementation	22(2)	-	9(0)	-	-	3(0)	10(2)	-	-	-
49.	Steel	60(8)	1(1)	21(5)	3(2)	-	5(0)	30(0)	-	-	-
50.	Textiles	78(9)	5(0)	26(1)	3(0)	-	10(1)	34(7)	-	1	5
7 51.	Tourism	111(19)	9(3)	41(5)	4(0)	-	9(1)	48(10)	-	1	-
52.	Tribal Affairs	71(14)	2(0)	20(7)	1(0)	-	7(0)	41(7)	-	1	5
53.	Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	163(34)	5(1)	52(14)	10(5)	-	13(2)	82(12)	1(0)	3	11
54.	Women and Child Development	132(18)	5(1)	58(6)	7(0)	-	11(1)	51(10)	-	2	6
55.	Youth Affairs and Sports	93(23)	5(0)	29(9)	4(2)	2(0)	11(3)	42(9)	-	-	-
TOTAL:		8436(1393)	285(55)	3040(517)	540(159)	38(13)	751(129)	3778(519)	4(1)	46	187

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	Agricultural production	1	14	-
		Suicide by farmers	3	13	-
		Support price for farmers	1	19	-
2.	Civil Aviation	Functioning /Performance of Air India, etc.	2	22	-
		Development and modernization of airports	3	17	-
3.	Commerce and Industry	Export/Import	1	14	-
		FDI	-	16	-
4.	Drinking Water and Sanitation	Drinking water issues	4	13	5
5.	Electronics and Information Technology	Cyber crime/ Security	2	14	1
6.	Finance	Demonetisation	3	12	-
		Loans from banks	4	26	-
		GST	5	25	-
7.	Health and Family Welfare	AIIMS, AIIMS like institutions, medical collages, etc. and their functioning thereof	3	12	-

8.	Home Affairs	Crimes against women and children	-	15	-
		Jammu and Kashmir	-	17	-
		Naxals/Maoists	-	18	-
9.	Housing and Urban Affairs	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana	2	20	5
10.	Human Resource Development	Kendriya Vidyalayas/ Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas	2	17	5
11.	Labour and Employment	Provident fund	2	13	5
12.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	LPG supply/ connections	1	14	-
		Fuel prices	1	18	-
13.	Railways	Railway Projects	2	16	-
		Train accidents and safety measures	2	21	-
		Ticketing/Fares	2	16	2
14.	Road Transport and Highways	National Highways/NHAI	1	14	-
15.	Rural Development	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act	7	24	10
		Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana	1	14	-
16.	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Skill Training	-	18	-
17.	Tourism	Promotion/Development of tourism	2	14	-
18.	Water Resources, Ganga Rejuvenation and River Development	Ganga river	1	14	3

STATEMENT-VI

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

Copies of 274 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
1.	Guidelines of University Grants Commission	Shri Ajay Sancheti	Human Resource Development	Disallowed	-
2.	Examination for admission in M.Phil and Ph.D by NUEPA	Shri Ajay Sancheti	Human Resource Development	Lapsed	-

Admitted: Nil Disallowed: 1 Lapsed: 1

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.	Funds for river development	Shri Naresh Agrawal	Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	Lapsed	-
2.	Decline in number of Indian workers in Gulf Countries	Shri Javed Ali Khan	External Affairs	Admitted	-
3.	Revised cost of Polavaram irrigation project	Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao	Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	Disallowed	-
4.	China's presence around India's maritime boundaries	Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy	External Affairs	Lapsed	-
5.	Poor condition of education system	Shri Rewati Raman Singh	Human Resource Development	Returned	-

Admitted: 1 Disallowed: 1 Lapsed: 2 Returned: 1

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.	20.7.2017	Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Prime Minister's Office	Unstarred Question 2397	23.3.2017	Estimation of atomic mineral reserves
2.	8.8.2017	Shrimati Anupriya Patel, Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	Unstarred Question 1085	25.7.2017	Measures to contain outbreak of viral fevers
3	9.8.2017	Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Unstarred Question 3044	14.12.2016	Export of meat
4.	11.8.2017	Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence	Starred Question 17	18.7.2017	Concerns of textile traders/ sellers about GST
5.	11.8.2017	Shri Rajen Gohain, Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways	Unstarred Question 781	21.7.2017	Representation against circular of Railway Board

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.....	19
2.	The number of sittings on which the Question Hour was dispensed with.....	4 (on 25.7.2017, 9.8.2017, 10.8.2017 and 11.8.2017)
3.	The number of sittings which were adjourned without transacting any business.....	1 (on 17.7.2017)
4.	The number of sittings on which Question time was allotted but no Questions were orally answered in the House.....	3 (on 18.7.2017, 28.7.2017 and 1.8.2017)
5.	The number of sittings cancelled.....	Nil
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.....	1393
8.	The number of Members from whom notices were received.....	138
9.	The maximum number of times any Member's name appeared in the ballot of Starred Questions.....	10 (each of Dr. Satyanarayan Jatia, Shri Majeed Memon and Shri Dharmapuri Srinivas)
10.	The number of Starred Questions answered orally	46
11.	The number of Starred Questions on which Supplementaries were put.....	45
12.	The number of Supplementary Questions put.....	187
13.	The number of Questions to which written replies were laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.....	3279

14. The maximum number of notices received from any one Member..... 188 (from Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy)
15. Maximum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member..... 44 (against Shri Ritabrata Banerjee)
16. Minimum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member..... 1 (each against Shri Ahamed Hassan, Shri La. Ganesan, Mir Mohammad Fayaz and Shri Joy Abraham)
17. The maximum number of Supplementary Questions put by any one Member..... 8 (by Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy)
18. The maximum number of Supplementaries asked by any one Member on any one day..... 3 (by Shrimati Chhaya Verma on 20.7.2017 and Shri Naresh Agrawal on 4.8.2017)
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..... Nil
21. The maximum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day..... 7 (on 27.7.2017)
22. The minimum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day..... 1 (on 8.8.2017)
23. The maximum number of notices received on any one day after the issue of Bulletin for commencement of the Session..... 853 (on 30.6.2017)
24. The maximum number of Questions orally answered on any one subject..... 2(on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act)
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.....	591 (to Minister of Finance)
27.	The maximum number of admitted Questions addressed to any one Minister.....	228 (to Minister of Finance)
28.	The maximum number of Questions orally answered by any one Minister.....	5 (by Minister of Information and Broadcasting)
29.	The maximum number of Supplementary Questions answered by any one Minister.....	20 (by Minister of External Affairs)
30.	Number of Questions answered by a Minister, other than by the Minister-in-charge.....	Nil
31.	Average number of Questions received per sitting.....	444
32.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting...	2.42
33.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting (only for those sittings when Questions were orally answered).....	4.18
34.	Average number of Supplementary Questions asked per sitting.....	9.84
35.	Average number of Supplementary Questions on each Question answered orally	4.06
36.	Average time taken on each Question orally answered.....	10.7 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.....	274
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.....	15 pages (for SQ 200 answered on 3.8.2017)*
40.	Total number of statements made/laid by Ministers correcting replies given by them to Questions in the Rajya Sabha.....	5

**Answer to SQ 161 dated 31.7.2017 contained 235 pages including annexures of 233 pages. However, the answer to the Question was not in a Statement form.*

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	31.07.2017	"Before I take up the Question, Hon'ble Members, I have a point to register. There is one question which has a record length of answer; the answer is of 233 pages xxxxx. Now considering that the answers to question are made available to Hon'ble Members a little while before they assemble here at 11 o'clock, it is humanly impossible for 233 pages to be scrutinized. Surely, we have to work out some other system. I mean the information given by Hon'ble Minister, is very useful but it can even be put in the form of a booklet or something xxxx."