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PREFACE

This Pamphlet contains statistical information relating to notices of Questions received during the Two Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Session of the Rajya Sabha and their disposal. There are ten statements containing various kinds of information which have been compiled from statistics relating to Questions dealt with during the Session. Statement-IX gives some figures showing, at a glance, certain important features pertaining to Questions.

NEW DELHI;
21st February, 2012
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V.K.AGNIHOTRI,
Secretary-General.

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STATEMENT-I

Total number of notices of Starred and Unstarred Questions received under each Group

GROUP-I

Coal; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Corporate Affairs; Earth Sciences; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Mines; Minority Affairs; New and Renewable Energy; Parliamentary Affairs; Power; Science and Technology; Water Resources. 1621

GROUP-II

Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment and Forests; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Rural Development. 2205

GROUP-III

Commerce and Industry; Culture; Defence; Home Affairs; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Labour and Employment; Textiles; Urban Development. 2339

GROUP-IV

Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Civil Aviation; Development of North Eastern Region; External Affairs; Overseas Indian Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Road Transport and Highways; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development; Youth Affairs and Sports. 2001

GROUP-V

Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Communications and Information Technology; Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development; Railways; Statistics and Programme Implementation. 1985

TOTAL

10151

STATEMENT-II

Notices of Starred and Unstarred Questions received for each date after the issue of Bulletin for commencement of the Session

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.	22.11.2011	226	125	351	78
2.	23.11.2011	245	122	367	71
3.	24.11.2011	222	123	345	63
4.	25.11.2011	263	148	411	82
5.	28.11.2011	202	133	335	81
6.	29.11.2011	325	129	454	113
7.	30.11.2011	337	156	493	112
8.	01.12.2011	362	158	520	92
9.	02.12.2011	325	152	477	106
10.	05.12.2011	316	132	448	104
11.	07.12.2011	345	173	518	118
12.	08.12.2011	371	173	544	101
13.	09.12.2011	349	180	529	117

14.	12.12.2011	279	141	420	79
15.	13.12.2011	535	205	740	187
16.	14.12.2011	356	150	506	98
17.	15.12.2011	403	189	592	118
18.	16.12.2011	392	176	568	111
19.	19.12.2011	271	147	418	61
20.	20.12.2011	445	215	660	125
21.	21.12.2011	306	149	455	83
Total		6875	3276	10151	2100

STATEMENT-II-A

Abstract showing disposal of notices of Starred and Unstarred Questions

Category of Questions	Notices received	Admitted	Admitted by clubbing	Disallowed	Lapsed	Returned	Withdrawn	Cancelled
Starred	6875	420	-	577	3849	2	1	-
Unstarred	3276	3255+	446++	274	1327	-	-	-
TOTAL:	10151	3675	446	851	5176	2	1	-

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+ Includes 1737 notices of Starred Questions admitted as Unstarred Questions.

++ Includes 289 notices of Starred Questions admitted as Unstarred Questions by clubbing.

STATEMENT-III

Statistical abstract relating to Questions (Starred and Unstarred) showing the number of notices received in respect of each Ministry/Department and their disposal

(The figures shown in bracket indicate the number of Notices of Questions received in Hindi)

Sl. No.	Name of the Ministry/Department	Notices received	Admitted		Admitted by clubbing	Disallowed	Lapsed	Returned to Members	With-drawn	Can-celled	No. of Supple-mentaries asked
			Starred	Unstarred							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1.	Prime Minister	56(10)	-	2(1)	-	13(2)	41(7)	-	-	-	-
2.	Agriculture	477(108)	22(6)	149(36)	23(17)	29(2)	252(47)	1(0)	1(0)	-	-
3.	Atomic Energy	94(17)	8(1)	36(8)	5(4)	4(1)	41(3)	-	-	-	5
4.	Chemicals and Fertilizers	193(44)	4(0)	70(21)	16(10)	6(0)	97(13)	-	-	-	-
5.	Civil Aviation	306(56)	24(6)	101(13)	12(6)	19(10)	150(21)	-	-	-	10
6.	Coal	219(49)	9(5)	88(24)	9(6)	26(8)	87(6)	-	-	-	3
7.	Commerce and Industry	461(52)	17(3)	125(16)	18(11)	71(5)	230(17)	-	-	-	22
8.	Communications and Information Technology	240(39)	12(2)	79(18)	7(2)	11(4)	131(13)	-	-	-	-
9.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	295(68)	14(4)	100(24)	23(12)	40(7)	118(21)	-	-	-	11
10.	Corporate Affairs	37(3)	2(0)	15(3)	3(0)	4(0)	13(0)	-	-	-	4

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11.	Culture	118(20)	5(0)	46(11)	1(1)	11(3)	55(5)	-	-	-	-	1
12.	Defence	330(74)	11(4)	106(14)	12(6)	63(21)	138(29)	-	-	-	-	5
13.	Development of North Eastern Region	22(4)	-	3(0)	-	1(0)	18(4)	-	-	-	-	-
14.	Drinking Water and Sanitation	70(14)	1(0)	26(3)	3(0)	2(1)	38(10)	-	-	-	-	-
15.	Earth Sciences	19(1)	1(0)	6(1)	1(0)	3(0)	8(0)	-	-	-	-	-
16.	Environment and Forests	264(55)	16(5)	89(16)	5(4)	14(2)	140(28)	-	-	-	-	5
17.	External Affairs	270(76)	7(5)	83(22)	10(4)	15(5)	155(40)	-	-	-	-	-
18.	Finance	643(127)	26(3)	153(30)	33(13)	38(14)	393(67)	-	-	-	-	3
19.	Food Processing Industries	71(11)	3(0)	19(2)	-	2(0)	47(9)	-	-	-	-	-
20.	Health and Family Welfare	619(150)	17(3)	171(43)	21(12)	30(5)	380(87)	-	-	-	-	9
21.	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	40(6)	-	7(0)	-	2(0)	31(6)	-	-	-	-	-
22.	Home Affairs	728(223)	32(11)	225(69)	40(22)	112(36)	319(85)	-	-	-	-	18
23.	Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation	105(11)	5(1)	38(2)	2(0)	3(0)	57(8)	-	-	-	-	10
24.	Human Resource Development	412(98)	11(3)	119(33)	20(16)	20(4)	241(42)	1(0)	-	-	-	-
25.	Information and Broadcasting	123(27)	8(0)	54(11)	11(6)	9(1)	41(9)	-	-	-	-	2
26.	Labour and Employment	256(41)	13(2)	103(22)	18(7)	7(0)	115(10)	-	-	-	-	5
27.	Law and Justice	156(30)	6(1)	51(7)	2(0)	53(13)	44(9)	-	-	-	-	8
28.	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	60(10)	2(0)	19(8)	2(1)	3(1)	34(0)	-	-	-	-	-

29.	Mines	91(15)	4(1)	42(11)	3(2)	6(0)	36(1)	-	-	-	-
30.	Minority Affairs	65(15)	3(1)	20(5)	1(0)	15(7)	26(2)	-	-	-	-
31.	New and Renewable Energy	78(9)	5(0)	29(3)	1(0)	14(1)	29(5)	-	-	-	3
32.	Overseas Indian Affairs	39(5)	-	18(4)	2(1)	-	19(0)	-	-	-	-
33.	Panchayati Raj	39(5)	2(2)	10(2)	2(1)	1(0)	24(0)	-	-	-	-
34.	Parliamentary Affairs	7(3)	-	1(0)	-	4(1)	2(2)	-	-	-	-
35.	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	125(21)	6(0)	36(9)	4(3)	5(1)	74(8)	-	-	-	5
36.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	283(71)	11(2)	98(28)	18(10)	21(3)	135(28)	-	-	-	8
37.	Planning	170(48)	8(5)	51(15)	14(8)	9(4)	88(16)	-	-	-	-
38.	Power	277(49)	9(3)	113(24)	13(7)	46(11)	96(4)	-	-	-	10
39.	Railways	562(113)	26(6)	177(37)	29(7)	30(8)	300(55)	-	-	-	-
40.	Road Transport and Highways	272(46)	9(2)	87(17)	11(3)	9(3)	156(21)	-	-	-	1
41.	Rural Development	286(80)	9(5)	76(19)	7(6)	29(17)	165(33)	-	-	-	13
42.	Science and Technology	32(4)	4(0)	13(1)	1(0)	1(1)	13(2)	-	-	-	4
43.	Shipping	82(7)	1(0)	30(3)	3(0)	1(0)	47(4)	-	-	-	-
44.	Social Justice and Empowerment	120(16)	5(1)	31(3)	6(1)	2(0)	76(11)	-	-	-	-
45.	Space	16(1)	-	6(1)	1(0)	1(0)	8(0)	-	-	-	-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
46.	Statistics and Programme Implementation	30(3)	2(0)	7(1)	-	1(1)	20(1)	-	-	-	-
47.	Steel	54(9)	1(0)	22(2)	1(1)	1(0)	29(6)	-	-	-	-
48.	Textiles	128(14)	7(0)	56(7)	4(3)	3(0)	58(4)	-	-	-	5
49.	Tourism	79(11)	2(0)	26(4)	2(0)	8(2)	41(5)	-	-	-	-
50.	Tribal Affairs	71(12)	1(0)	15(5)	2(2)	1(0)	52(5)	-	-	-	-
51.	Urban Development	213(47)	10(2)	76(19)	11(7)	9(0)	107(19)	-	-	-	-
52.	Water Resources	162(42)	13(2)	69(16)	8(6)	14(6)	58(12)	-	-	-	-
53.	Women and Child Development	121(16)	3(0)	41(5)	4(0)	1(1)	72(10)	-	-	-	-
54.	Youth Affairs and Sports	65(14)	3(0)	22(4)	1(1)	8(2)	31(7)	-	-	-	5
TOTAL:		10151(2100)	420(97)	3255(703)	446(229)	851(214)	5176(860)	2(0)	1(0)	-	175

STATEMENT-IV

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

Sl. No.	Name of Ministry/ Department	Subject	No. of Questions Admitted		No. of Supple- mentaries asked
			Starred	Unstarred	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Agriculture	Minimum Support Price	3	6	-
		Suicide by farmers	2	7	-
2.	Civil Aviation	Airport/airlines	-	11	-
3.	Commerce and Industry	Import/export	2	17	9
4.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Sugar	1	9	-
5.	Drinking Water and Sanitation	Drinking water facilities	1	22	-
		Sanitation facilities	-	9	-
6.	Finance	Black money	4	6	-
		Inflation/price rise	5	9	-
		Loans from banks	0	10	-
		Taxation matters	5	21	-

1	2	3	4	5	6
7.	Health and Family Welfare	AIIMS & AIIMS-like Institutions	-	9	-
		Diseases(swine flu/ dengue/malaria/ cancer)	4	27	-
		National Rural Health Mission	3	23	-
8.	Home Affairs	Naxalism	4	17	
		Terrorism	1	14	
9.	Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation	Slums	3	12	10
10.	Human Resource Development	Right to Education	-	10	
11.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	Oil exploration	2	10	
		Petro prices	3	23	
		Shortage of LPG and CNG	5	13	3
12.	Power	Power projects/plants	-	33	
13.	Railways	Rail projects	3	11	
		Train accidents	1	11	
14.	Road Transport and Highways	National Highways	2	17	
15.	Rural Development	MGNREGS	2	18	
		Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana	3	32	
16.	Textiles	Weavers	1	17	5
17.	Urban Development	JNNURM	2	18	
18.	Youth Affairs and Sports	Commonwealth Games	-	10	

STATEMENT-V

Statements laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha in reply to STARRED QUESTIONS

Copies of 407 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-VI

*Abstract showing disposal of **SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS***

Dy. No.	Subject	Name of the Member	Ministry	Disposal	No. of supplementaries asked
1.	Loss of lives due to encephalitis	Shri H. K. Dua	Health and Family Welfare	Disallowed	-
2.	Tremors in Mullaperiyar Dam	Prof. P. J. Kurien	Water Resources	Converted into UQ on Member's request	-
3.	Suicide by cotton farmers in Andhra Pradesh	Shri Jesudasu Seelam	Agriculture	Answered	#
4.	Measures to stabilize depreciating rupee	Shri Jesudasu Seelam	Finance	Disallowed	-
5.	Fund distribution as per population and area	Shri Naresh Chandra Agarwal	Rural Development	Answered (on 13.12.2011)	3
6.	Unani medicine developed by CCRUM	Shri Mohammed Adeeb	Health and Family Welfare	Disallowed	-
7.	Chinese military base in Seychelles	Shri H. K. Dua	External Affairs	Lapsed	-
8.	Poor connectivity of Vijayawada	Shri Jesudasu Seelam	Civil Aviation	Lapsed	-
9.	Crisis due to overfishing by trawlers	Shri Jesudasu Seelam	Agriculture	Disallowed	-
10.	Dalits of Sanand in Gujarat	Shri Jesudasu Seelam	Social Justice and Empowerment	Lapsed	-
11.	Rehabilitation of families displaced in Nalgonda and Guntur by Pulichintala project	Shri Jesudasu Seelam	Home Affairs	Lapsed	-
12.	Service conditions of nurses working in private hospitals	Prof. P. J. Kurien	Health and Family Welfare	Lapsed	-

Answer laid on the table of the house on 16.12.2011.

STATEMENT-VII

*Statement showing 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	Disposal	No. of Members who took part in the discussion
1.	Tax treaty with foreign countries	Shri Ramdas Agarwal	Finance	Disallowed	-
2.	Black money deposited in foreign countries	Shri Prakash Javadekar	Finance	Disallowed	-
3.	Expansion of aviation services in metro and tier-II cities	Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy	Civil Aviation	Lapsed	-
4.	Agitation against Kudankulam Nuclear Plant	Shri Prakash Javadekar	Prime Minister	Lapsed	-
5.	Electrification of villages under RGGVY	Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy	Power	Lapsed	-
6.	Interruption in power generation due to inadequate supply of coal	Shri Ravi Shankar Parasad	Coal	Lapsed	-
7.	Kisan credit cards	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Finance	Disallowed	-

STATEMENT-VIII

Abstract of Statements made/laid by the Ministers correcting replies already given by them to Questions 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.	23.11.2011	Shri Mullappally Ramachandran, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs	Unstarred Question 1852	11.08.2010	RTI activists murdered/threatened in Delhi
2.	29.12.2011	Shri Namo Narain Meena, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance	Unstarred Question 2197	13.12.2011	Rise in NPAs of SBI

STATEMENT-IX

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

1. The number of sittings during which the Question time 21
was allotted.....
2. The number of sittings during which the Question Hour Nil
was dispensed with.....
3. The number of sittings which were adjourned without 1 (on 22.11.2011)
transacting any business.....
4. The number of sittings during which Question time was 11(on 22nd, 23rd, 24th,
allotted but no Questions were orally answered in the 25th, 28th and, 29th,
House..... November, 2011, and
1st, 2nd, 7th, 15th and
16th December, 2011)
5. The number of sittings cancelled..... 1(on 05.12.2011)

6. The number of sittings extended without Question Hour 4 (on 22nd, 27th, 28th,
and 29th December,
2011)
7. The number of Questions (Starred and Unstarred) received 2100
in Hindi.....
8. The number of Members from whom notices were 152
received.....
9. The maximum number of times any Member's name 11(Shri N. Balaganga)
appeared in the ballot of Starred Questions
10. The number of Questions answered orally 47
.....
11. The number of Questions on which Supplementaries were 43
put.....

12.	The number of Supplementary Questions put.....	175
13.	The number of Questions to which written replies were laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.....	3628
14.	The maximum number of notices received from any one Member.....	477 (from Smt. T.Ratnabai)
15.	The maximum number of Supplementary Questions put by any one Member.....	5 (by Shri Baishnab Parida and Shri Naresh Chand Agarwal)
16.	The maximum number of Supplementaries asked by any one Member on any one day.....	2
17.	The days on which there were less than 20 Questions in a Starred list.....	Nil
18.	The minimum number of Unstarred Questions put down in a day's list.....	155
19.	The maximum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day.....	9 (on 19.12.2011)
20.	The minimum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day.....	4 (on 13.12.2011 and 21.12.2011)
21.	The maximum number of notices received on any one day after the issue of Bulletin for commencement of the Session.....	1115 (on 08.11.2011)
22.	The maximum number of Questions orally answered on any one subject.....	2 (each on import/export and slums)
23.	The maximum number of supplementaries raised on any one Question.....	5
24.	The maximum number of Questions addressed to any one Minister.....	728 (to Minister of Home Affairs)

25.	The maximum number of admitted Questions addressed to any one Minister.....	257(to Minister of Home Affairs)
26.	The maximum number of Questions orally answered by any one Minister.....	6(by Minister of Commerce and Industry)
27.	The maximum number of Supplementary Questions answered by any one Minister	22(by Minister of Commerce and Industry)
28.	Number of Questions answered by a Minister, other than by the Minister-in-charge.....	Nil
29.	Average number of Questions received per sitting.....	483.38
30.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting...	2.35
31.	Average number of Question orally answered per sitting (only for those sittings when Question Hour was held).....	5.22
32.	Average number of Supplementary Questions asked per sitting.....	8.75
33.	Average number of Supplementary Questions on each Question answered orally	3.72
34.	Average time taken on each Question orally answered.....	11.49
35.	Total number of Statements in reply to Questions sent to the Rajya Sabha Notice Office and Lobby half an hour before the Question Hour.....	407
36.	The largest number of Statements sent to the Rajya Sabha Notice Office with reference to Questions on any one day.	20 (on 22 nd , 25 th , 29 th , November, 2011, and 8 th , 9 th , 12 th , 16 th , 19 th , 20 th and 30 th , December, 2011)

37. The biggest statement laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha with reference to a Question sent to the Notice Office and Lobby..... 21 pages (for SQ 276 answered on 12.12.2011)
38. Total number of statements made/laid by Ministers in the House correcting the replies given by them to Questions in the Rajya Sabha..... 2

STATEMENT-X

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	08.12.2011	<p>Shri Naresh Chandra Agrawal, MP and some other members were dissatisfied with the replies given to supplementaries to Starred Question 222 by the Minister of Panchayati Raj who, then, stated that his answer was related to the matters pertaining to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, not the matters under the jurisdiction of other Ministries particularly the Ministry of Rural Development. The Hon'ble Chairman said:</p> <p><i>"...it would be listed for another day...."</i></p> <p>Thereafter, the Member gave an identical notice of SNQ for reply by the Minister of Rural Development and was listed for reply on 13th December, 2011 by the Minister of Rural Development without seeking his convenience, and the SNQ was replied by Minister on that date.</p>
2.	Chairman	12.12.2011	<p>One of the supplementaries raised on Starred Question 263 regarding 'interruption in power generation due to inadequate supply of coal' listed against Ministry of Power was permitted to be replied by the Minister of Coal.</p>
3.	Chairman	21.12.2011	<p>When supplementaries were being put on Starred Question 402 regarding 'Non compliance of SFAC norms by DSF' by Prof. Anil Kumar Sahani, MP to Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs, some Members objected and started shouting slogans against the Minister and interrupted the proceedings of the House. Amidst continued disruptions, Hon'ble Chairman observed:</p> <p><i>"since no more supplementaries on this are being asked, we go to Question No. 403."</i></p>
