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## **PREFACE**

This Pamphlet contains statistical information relating to notices of Questions received during the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fifth 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 notices of Starred and Unstarred  
Questions received, Group-wise*

### GROUP-I

Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Human Resource Development; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. 1009

### GROUP-II

Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Civil Aviation; Corporate Affairs; Defence; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; Information and Broadcasting; Minority Affairs. 1406

### GROUP-III

Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Mines; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports. 1306

### GROUP-IV

Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; Environment, Forests and Climate Change; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Overseas Indian Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Science and Technology; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Women and Child Development. 1122

### GROUP-V

Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Communications and Information Technology; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Food Processing Industries; Law and Justice; Railways; Textiles. 873

TOTAL:

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5716

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## STATEMENT-II

*Statement showing number of 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.	23.04.2015	167	85	252	36
2.	24.04.2015	192	90	282	25
3.	27.04.2015	292	158	450	57
4.	28.04.2015	300	139	439	56
5.	29.04.2015	266	141	407	62
6.	30.04.2015	233	130	363	47
7.	05.05.2015	317	169	486	70
8.	06.05.2015	300	136	436	63
9.	07.05.2015	335	172	507	71
10.	08.05.2015	388	203	591	89
11.	11.05.2015	371	188	559	98
12.	12.05.2015	308	173	481	70
13.	13.05.2015	302	161	463	79
TOTAL:		3771	1945	5716	823

### STATEMENT-III

*Abstract showing 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	3771	195	-	17	443	1871	-	-	-
Unstarred	1945	2024+	108++	10	288	760	-	-	-
TOTAL:	5716	2219	108	27	731	2631	-	-	-

+ Includes 1185 notices of Starred Questions admitted as Unstarred Questions.

++ Includes 60 notices of Starred Questions admitted as Unstarred Questions by clubbing.



## STATEMENT-IV

*Statistical abstract showing the number of notices(Starred and Unstarred) 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	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)	-	1(0)	1(0)	-	8(2)	3(0)	-	-	-
2.	Agriculture	232(36)	11(2)	74(9)	9(0)	-	23(2)	115(23)	-	4	19
3.	Atomic Energy	37(6)	2(1)	19(1)	1(0)	-	10(4)	5(0)	-	-	-
4.	Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)	50(7)	3(1)	18(4)	2(0)	-	4(1)	23(1)	-	-	-
5.	Chemicals and Fertilizers	62(7)	1(0)	24(4)	1(0)	-	4(1)	32(2)	-	1	1
6.	Civil Aviation	157(19)	2(1)	55(8)	-	-	14(1)	86(9)	-	-	-
7.	Coal	66(12)	2(0)	17(2)	4(0)	-	2(2)	41(8)	-	1	5
8.	Commerce and Industry	213(33)	7(0)	85(13)	4(0)	5(0)	25(4)	87(16)	-	1	3
9.	Communications and Information Technology	122(15)	5(1)	44(2)	1(0)	-	7(0)	65(12)	-	1	5
10.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	81(15)	4(1)	27(2)	-	1(0)	3(0)	46(12)	-	1	3

11.	Corporate Affairs	34(1)	3(0)	6(1)	1(0)	-	8(0)	16(0)	-	-	-
12.	Culture	78(11)	5(0)	33(7)	2(0)	1(0)	3(1)	34(3)	-	1	3
13.	Defence	180(27)	7(1)	55(9)	2(0)	1(1)	24(4)	91(12)	-	1	5
14.	Development of North Eastern Region	16(5)	-	3(1)	-	-	6(0)	7(4)	-	-	-
15.	Drinking Water and Sanitation	74(9)	3(0)	33(3)	3(0)	-	5(1)	30(5)	-	1	-
16.	Earth Sciences	14(0)	2(0)	4(0)	-	-	5(0)	3(0)	-	-	-
17.	Environment, Forests and Climate Change	218(24)	10(1)	86(12)	2(0)	-	69(4)	51(7)	-	3	13
18.	External Affairs	123(13)	4(0)	40(4)	2(0)	-	40(7)	37(2)	-	-	-
19.	Finance	424(56)	11(2)	151(16)	9(0)	3(0)	42(10)	208(28)	-	1	5
20.	Food Processing Industries	27(4)	1(0)	11(3)	1(0)	-	-	14(1)	-	-	-
21.	Health and Family Welfare	404(62)	13(2)	139(27)	8(2)	1(0)	17(6)	226(25)	-	3	12
22.	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	36(2)	2(0)	19(0)	-	-	11(2)	4(0)	-	1	5
23.	Home Affairs	427(60)	12(2)	140(14)	7(1)	5(0)	62(11)	201(32)	-	5	22
24.	Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation	59(8)	2(0)	21(4)	3(1)	-	22(2)	11(1)	-	1	5
25.	Human Resource Development	249(42)	7(2)	84(9)	4(0)	-	24(4)	130(27)	-	2	9
26.	Information and Broadcasting	89(17)	3(0)	33(4)	-	1(0)	10(4)	42(9)	-	-	-
27.	Labour and Employment	161(22)	4(0)	60(11)	5(0)	-	11(3)	81(8)	-	2	6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
28.	Law and Justice	78(8)	-	28(5)	-	-	3(1)	47(2)	-	-	-
29.	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	36(3)	1(0)	23(2)	-	-	5(0)	7(1)	-	-	-
30.	Mines	33(11)	2(0)	11(5)	-	-	1(0)	19(6)	-	1	5
31.	Minority Affairs	68(7)	3(0)	23(2)	1(0)	-	3(0)	38(5)	-	-	-
32.	New and Renewable Energy	53(3)	1(0)	17(0)	5(0)	-	3(1)	27(2)	-	-	-
33.	Overseas Indian Affairs	17(0)	1(0)	5(0)	-	-	7(0)	4(0)	-	-	-
34.	Panchayati Raj	22(6)	1(0)	7(2)	1(0)	2(0)	1(0)	10(4)	-	-	-
35.	Parliamentary Affairs	11(2)	-	-	-	-	9(2)	2(0)	-	-	-
36.	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	55(7)	3(0)	20(2)	-	-	16(4)	16(1)	-	1	5
37.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	119(14)	6(1)	37(7)	3(0)	1(0)	18(2)	54(4)	-	4	15
38.	Planning	44(11)	2(0)	23(4)	-	-	9(4)	10(3)	-	1	3
39.	Power	109(20)	1(0)	28(2)	3(0)	-	15(2)	62(16)	-	1	3
40.	Railways	219(24)	8(1)	88(12)	2(0)	-	12(0)	109(11)	-	-	-
41.	Road Transport and Highways	157(19)	5(0)	54(7)	5(0)	-	10(0)	83(12)	-	-	-
42.	Rural Development	108(13)	3(0)	31(5)	4(0)	1(0)	2(0)	67(8)	-	1	5
43.	Science and Technology	21(1)	1(0)	3(0)	1(0)	-	7(0)	9(1)	-	-	-
44.	Shipping	58(0)	2(0)	19(0)	1(0)	-	7(0)	29(0)	-	-	-
45.	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	52(9)	-	28(8)	-	-	10(0)	14(1)	-	-	-

46.	Social Justice and Empowerment	72(13)	4(2)	27(4)	1(0)	-	11(2)	29(5)	-	2	7
47.	Space	12(3)	-	6(1)	-	-	2(0)	4(2)	-	-	-
48.	Statistics and Programme Implementation	10(0)	-	4(0)	-	-	2(0)	4(0)	-	-	-
49.	Steel	32(9)	2(1)	15(4)	-	-	4(1)	11(3)	-	1	5
50.	Textiles	52(5)	-	24(2)	1(0)	-	3(0)	24(3)	-	-	-
51.	Tourism	92(15)	2(0)	41(7)	-	-	3(0)	46(8)	-	1	5
52.	Tribal Affairs	51(5)	2(0)	20(0)	1(0)	-	9(2)	19(3)	-	2	8
53.	Urban Development	152(28)	7(3)	52(13)	1(0)	2(0)	52(11)	38(1)	-	1	5
54.	Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	113(31)	5(1)	30(9)	3(0)	-	9(1)	66(20)	-	-	-
55.	Women and Child Development	124(17)	4(1)	40(9)	-	2(0)	26(7)	52(0)	-	1	5
56.	Youth Affairs and Sports	100(24)	3(1)	38(8)	3(0)	1(0)	13(3)	42(12)	-	1	5
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>5716(823)</b>	<b>195(28)</b>	<b>2024(290)</b>	<b>108(4)</b>	<b>27(1)</b>	<b>731(119)</b>	<b>2631(381)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>197</b>

## 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	Crop loss due to unseasonal rains and hailstorms	3	13	-
2.	AYUSH	Popularisation of AYUSH	1	7	-
3.	Civil Aviation	Development and modernization of airports	1	11	-
		Performance of Air India	1	8	-
4.	Commerce and Industry	FDI	-	11	-
		Import/export	-	22	-
5.	Culture	Protection of monuments	2	13	-
6.	Drinking Water and Sanitation	Drinking water issues	-	12	-
7.	External Affairs	Sri Lanka	1	6	-
8.	Finance	Loans from banks	-	7	-
		Taxation matters	1	18	-
9.	Health and Family Welfare	AIIMs, AIIMs-like institutions, medical colleges, etc.	1	8	-
		Cancer disease	1	8	-
		Dengue/malaria/swine flu	-	9	-
		National Rural Health Mission	1	8	-

10.	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	PSU/CPSUs	1	6	-
11.	Home Affairs	Crime against women and children	-	11	-
		Maoism/naxalism	-	22	-
12.	Human Resource Development	Schools	1	13	4
		Universities	-	13	-
13.	Information and Broadcasting	Radio/TV channels	2	10	-
14.	Labour and Employment	Provident fund	2	18	3
15.	Minority Affairs	Job creation for minorities	-	7	-
		Social welfare schemes for minorities	1	6	-
16.	New and Renewable Energy	Solar energy/plants/schemes	1	11	-
17.	Road Transport and Highways	National Highways	-	26	-
18.	Rural Development	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act	1	9	-
19.	Urban Development	Metro rail	-	7	-
20.	Youth Affairs and Sports	Promotion of sports	2	12	5
21.	Water Resources, River Development and Ganga rejuvenation	Ganga	2	6	-

## **STATEMENT-VI**

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

Copies of 189 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 disposal of SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS*

Dy. No.	Subject	Name of the Member	Ministry/ Department	Disposal	No. of supplementaries asked
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Expenditure incurred on advertisements	Shri Shantaram Naik	Information and Broadcasting	Disallowed	-
2	Shifting of Headquarters of Haj Committees	Shri Gulam Rasool Balyawi	External Affairs	Disallowed	-
3	Forecasting and preventing floods and other calamities	Shri Gulam Rasool Balyawi	Earth Sciences	Disallowed	-
4	Urdu Programme Executive in DD	Shri Gulam Rasool Balyawi	Information and Broadcasting	Disallowed	-
5	Muslim youth arrested on charges of terrorism	Shri Gulam Rasool Balyawi	Home Affairs	Disallowed	-
6	Indians kidnapped by ISIS in Iraq	Shri Neeraj Shekhar	External Affairs	Lapsed	-
7	Fund allocated for welfare of weavers	Shri Neeraj Shekhar	Textiles	Lapsed	-
8	Loan to fraudsters	Shri Arvind Kumar Singh	Finance	Disallowed	-
9	Report of electrical inspector	Shri Neeraj Shekhar	Minority Affairs	Disallowed	-

Admitted: Nil Disallowed: 7 Lapsed: 2



## STATEMENT-VIII

*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/ Department	Disposal	No. of Members who took part in the discussion
1	Directions on financial irregularities and frauds	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	Lapsed	-

Admitted: Nil Disallowed : Nil Lapsed: 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.	05.05.2015	Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation	Unstarred Question 1873	11.12.2012	Dreamliner service from Trivandrum
2.	12.05.2015	Shri Y. S. Chowdary, Minister of State in the Ministry of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences	Unstarred Question 403	26.02.2015	Publication of research Journals
3.	13.05.2015	Prof. (Dr.) Ram Shankar Katheria, Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development	Unstarred Question 3403	11.08.2014	Protection of Sanskrit language
4.	13.05.2015	Prof.(Dr.) Ram Shankar Katheria, Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development	Unstarred Question 334	27.04.2015	Review of working of UGC



## STATEMENT-X

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

1.	The number of sittings during which the Question time was originally allotted.....	13
2.	The number of sittings during which the Question Hour was dispensed with.....	1 (on 23 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2015)
3.	The number of sittings which were adjourned without transacting any business.....	Nil
4.	The number of sittings during which Question time was allotted but no Questions were orally answered in the House.....	4 (each on 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 8 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015)
5.	The number of sittings cancelled.....	Nil
6.	The number of sittings extended without Question Hour (special sittings).....	Nil
7.	The number of Questions (Starred and Unstarred) received in Hindi.....	823
8.	The number of Members from whom notices were received.....	146
9.	The maximum number of times any Member's name appeared in the ballot of Starred Questions .....	8 (each of Shri Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu and Shri Harivansh)
10.	The number of Starred Questions answered orally .....	48
11.	The number of Starred Questions on which Supplementaries were put.....	47
12.	The number of Supplementary Questions put.....	197

13.	The number of Questions to which written replies were laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.....	2171
14.	The maximum number of notices received from any one Member.....	190 (from Shri Mohd. Ali Khan)
15.	The maximum number of Supplementary Questions put by any one Member.....	8 ( Shri Tapan Kumar Sen)
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 15 Questions in a Starred list.....	Nil
18.	The minimum number of Unstarred Questions put down in a day's list.....	110 (on 23 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2015)
19.	The maximum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day.....	7 ( each on 24 <sup>th</sup> April and 6 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015)
20.	The minimum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day.....	5 (each on 27 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015)
21.	The maximum number of notices received on any one day after the issue of Bulletin for commencement of the Session.....	1070 (on 10 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015)
22.	The maximum number of Questions orally answered on any one subject.....	1
23.	The maximum number of supplementaries raised on any one Question.....	5
24.	The maximum number of notices addressed to any one Minister by Members.....	427 (to Minister of Home Affairs)
25.	The maximum number of admitted Questions addressed to any one Minister.....	162(to Minister of Finance)

26.	The maximum number of Questions orally answered by any one Minister.....	5 (by Minister of Home Affairs)
27.	The maximum number of Supplementary Questions answered by any one Minister .....	22 (by Minister of Home Affairs)
28.	Number of Questions answered by a Minister, other than by the Minister-in-charge.....	Nil
29.	Average number of Questions received per sitting.....	439.7
30.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting...	3.7
31.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting (only for those sittings when Questions were orally answered).....	5.3
32.	Average number of Supplementary Questions asked per sitting.....	15.15
33.	Average number of Supplementary Questions on each Question answered orally .....	4.1
34.	Average time taken on each Question orally answered.....	9.9 minutes
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.....	189
36.	The largest number of Statements sent to the Rajya Sabha Notice Office with reference to Questions on any one day.	15 (each on 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015)
37.	The biggest statement laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha with reference to a Question sent to Notice Office and Lobby.....	18 pages ( for SQ 29 answered on 24 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015)
38.	Total number of statements made/laid by Ministers correcting replies given by them to Questions in the Rajya Sabha.....	4

## STATEMENT-XI

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

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Sl. No.	Observations/ Directions/ Rulings made/given by Chairman/ Dy. Chairman	Date	Observations/Directions/Rulings made/ given
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Nil

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