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## **PREFACE**

This Pamphlet contains statistical information relating to notices of Questions received during the Two Hundred and Thirty-Eighth 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.

NEW DELHI;  
17 May, 2016  
*Vaishakha 27, 1938 (Saka)*

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*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; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Planning; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. 710

### 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. 1405

### GROUP-III

Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Mines; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports. 1486

### GROUP-IV

Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Parliamentary Affairs; 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. 1153

### GROUP-V

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Communications and Information Technology; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Food Processing Industries; Law and Justice; Railways; Textiles. 1209

TOTAL:

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5963

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## STATEMENT-II

*Statement showing the 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.	24.02.2016	181	75	256	50
2.	25.02.2016	175	65	240	44
3.	26.02.2016	225	102	327	65
4.	01.03.2016	259	108	367	60
5.	02.03.2016	248	110	358	55
6.	03.03.2016	239	114	353	49
7.	04.03.2016	258	119	377	68
8.	08.03.2016	306	119	425	51
9.	09.03.2016	262	129	391	66
10.	10.03.2016	260	134	394	58
11.	11.03.2016	261	129	390	64
12.	14.03.2016	374	170	544	67
13.	15.03.2016	320	156	476	68
14.	16.03.2016	286	144	430	72
15.	25.04.2016*	66	18	84	13
16.	26.04.2016*	56	21	77	10
17.	27.04.2016*	27	11	38	6
18.	28.04.2016*	75	30	105	18
19.	29.04.2016*	56	23	79	10
20.	02.05.2016*	44	8	52	6

21.	03.05.2016*	26	8	34	4
22.	04.05.2016*	7	2	9	-
23.	05.05.2016*	27	8	35	9
24.	06.05.2016*	11	10	21	2
25.	09.05.2016*	27	3	30	5
26.	10.05.2016*	18	8	26	1
27.	11.05.2016*	3	1	4	-
28.	12.05.2016*	21	5	26	5
29.	13.05.2016*	14	1	15	2

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TOTAL:	4132	1831	5963	928
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*\*No Sitting due to prorogation of the House*



### 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	4132	210		45	303	2007	71	-	-
Unstarred	1831	2234+	198++	8	148	720	14	1	4
TOTAL:	5963	2444	198	53	451	2727	85	1	4

+ Includes 1389 notices of Starred Questions admitted as Unstarred Questions.

++ Includes 107 notices of Starred Questions admitted as Unstarred Questions by clubbing.

## STATEMENT-IV

*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	12(2)	-	-	-	-	4(1)	8(1)	-	-	-
2.	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	300(54)	14(2)	122(21)	10(0)	8(2)	18(3)	124(26)	4(0)	5	22
3.	Atomic Energy	38(4)	1(1)	23(2)	2(1)	-	3(0)	8(0)	1(0)	-	-
4.	Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)	49(11)	2(0)	20(8)	-	-	1(0)	24(3)	2(0)	1	2
5.	Chemicals and Fertilizers	89(14)	5(0)	35(8)	5(0)	1(0)	5(0)	36(6)	2(0)	1	5
6.	Civil Aviation	178(24)	7(2)	63(9)	4(2)	-	12(1)	90(10)	2(0)	4	16
7.	Coal	52(7)	2(0)	10(2)	1(1)	1(0)	4(2)	33(2)	1(0)	1	4
8.	Commerce and Industry	263(34)	8(2)	127(14)	17(1)	2(0)	25(3)	81(14)	3(0)	1	5
9.	Communications and Information Technology	176(23)	4(0)	70(7)	4(0)	3(0)	11(1)	83(15)	1(0)	2	4
10.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	143(25)	9(2)	55(12)	5(1)	6(4)	2(0)	61(6)	5(0)	2	10

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11.	Corporate Affairs	43(1)	2(0)	19(0)	1(0)	-	-	20(1)	1(0)	1	5
12.	Culture	80(7)	2(1)	38(3)	5(0)	1(0)	5(2)	27(1)	2(0)	1	4
13.	Defence	194(32)	5(0)	67(15)	4(1)	-	13(2)	105(14)	-	2	10
14.	Development of North Eastern Region	16(3)	-	7(2)	-	1(0)	5(0)	3(1)	-	-	-
15.	Drinking Water and Sanitation	70(14)	1(1)	11(2)	-	-	5(2)	51(9)	2(0)	1	5
16.	Earth Sciences	15(1)	-	8(1)	-	-	4(0)	3(0)	-	-	-
17.	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	128(13)	2(0)	34(4)	2(0)	-	3(1)	84(8)	3(0)	1	5
18.	External Affairs	142(16)	5(2)	56(3)	5(0)	2(0)	28(6)	44(5)	2(0)	-	-
19.	Finance	417(51)	16(3)	132(18)	6(1)	-	17(3)	241(26)	5(0)	4	12
20.	Food Processing Industries	31(1)	3(0)	9(1)	-	1(0)	1(0)	14(0)	3(0)	2	10
21.	Health and Family Welfare	407(60)	12(5)	146(19)	9(4)	-	25(5)	214(27)	1(0)	5	22
22.	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	46(7)	2(1)	15(2)	1(0)	-	13(2)	14(2)	1(0)	2	10
23.	Home Affairs	452(90)	25(6)	169(30)	23(8)	2(2)	60(12)	168(32)	5(0)	6	27
24.	Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation	66(4)	2(0)	27(2)	1(0)	1(0)	5(1)	29(1)	1(0)	1	3
25.	Human Resource Development	281(50)	13(2)	109(16)	4(2)	4(1)	26(10)	124(19)	1(0)	6	23
26.	Information and Broadcasting	60(10)	1(1)	26(5)	-	-	2(0)	31(4)	-	-	-
27.	Labour and Employment	182(24)	4(1)	76(12)	8(1)	-	10(4)	80(6)	4(0)	3	15

28.	Law and Justice	90(11)	-	32(3)	4(2)	3(0)	3(0)	42(6)	6(0)	-	-
29.	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	29(5)	2(0)	12(3)	-	1(0)	1(1)	12(1)	1(0)	1	5
30.	Mines	36(9)	-	16(4)	1(0)	-	-	16(5)	3(0)	-	-
31.	Minority Affairs	57(5)	-	5(1)	-	-	5(1)	46(3)	1(0)	-	-
32.	New and Renewable Energy	44(5)	1(0)	12(1)	3(0)	-	2(1)	25(3)	1(0)	-	-
33.	Panchayati Raj	26(7)	-	5(1)	1(0)	-	1(0)	19(6)	-	-	-
34.	Parliamentary Affairs	6(1)	-	-	-	-	5(1)	-	1(0)	-	-
35.	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	62(5)	4(0)	27(2)	-	1(0)	7(2)	21(1)	2(0)	2	8
36.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	179(35)	7(2)	84(13)	13(1)	-	21(8)	51(11)	3(0)	5	18
37.	Planning	24(1)	1(0)	8(1)	2(0)	-	2(0)	11(0)	-	-	-
38.	Power	62(1)	-	15(0)	5(0)	-	4(0)	37(1)	1(0)	-	-
39.	Railways	322(75)	10(3)	135(30)	9(6)	7(1)	14(2)	144(33)	3(0)	3	14
40.	Road Transport and Highways	113(12)	3(0)	27(2)	2(0)	1(0)	10(0)	70(10)	-	2	7
41.	Rural Development	72(9)	3(0)	19(4)	-	2(0)	4(0)	44(5)	-	1	3
42.	Science and Technology	22(2)	-	7(0)	2(0)	-	2(1)	11(1)	-	-	-
43.	Shipping	34(3)	1(0)	2(0)	3(0)	-	3(0)	25(3)	-	1	2
44.	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	64(14)	2(0)	35(9)	4(0)	-	1(0)	21(5)	1(0)	1	5

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
45.	Social Justice and Empowerment	92(22)	3(0)	39(11)	1(1)	-	4(2)	43(8)	2(0)	2	8
46.	Space	16(0)	-	11(0)	-	-	1(0)	4(0)	-	-	-
47.	Statistics and Programme Implementation	15(1)	1(0)	3(0)	2(0)	-	4(0)	5(1)	-	1	5
48.	Steel	31(6)	3(0)	11(2)	-	-	6(3)	11(1)	-	-	-
49.	Textiles	58(8)	-	22(4)	4(0)	1(0)	3(0)	28(4)	-	-	-
50.	Tourism	99(14)	2(0)	49(9)	7(1)	-	5(2)	33(2)	3(0)	-	-
51.	Tribal Affairs	92(14)	5(1)	33(7)	5(1)	1(0)	7(1)	37(4)	4(0)	2	7
52.	Urban Development	114(30)	5(2)	49(12)	4(3)	1(0)	7(3)	46(10)	2(0)	3	11
53.	Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	85(19)	1(0)	16(4)	3(0)	1(0)	6(2)	56(13)	2(0)	-	-
54.	Women and Child Development	117(16)	5(0)	52(8)	1(0)	1(0)	13(4)	45(4)	-	-	-
55.	Youth Affairs and Sports	72(16)	4(1)	34(1)	5(0)	-	3(2)	24(12)	2(0)	1	5
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>5963(928)</b>	<b>210(41)</b>	<b>2234(350)</b>	<b>198(38)</b>	<b>53(10)</b>	<b>451(97)</b>	<b>2727(392)</b>	<b>90(0)</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>317</b>

## 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	3	23	7
		Crop insurance schemes	2	12	5
		Drought	1	10	-
2.	Atomic Energy	Nuclear reactor/nuclear agreement	2	11	-
3.	Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)	AYUSH hospitals/research centres	1	9	2
4.	Civil Aviation	Development and modernization of airports	3	10	9
5.	Chemicals and Fertilizers	Drug prices	-	14	-
6.	Commerce and Industry	FDI	1	27	-
		Import/export	2	12	-
7.	Communications and Information Technology	Cyber policy/crime	-	11	-
		Internet connectivity/services	-	10	-
8.	Corporate Affairs	Corporate social responsibility	1	10	5
9.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Price rise	1	15	-
10.	Culture	Historical monuments	1	18	-

1	2	3	4	5	6
11.	Defence	Production of arms and ammunition	2	11	-
12.	External Affairs	Relation with Pakistan	1	8	-
13.	Finance	Non-performing assets of banks	4	7	1
		Taxation matters	1	18	4
14.	Health and Family Welfare	Diseases	3	29	3
15.	Home Affairs	Crime against women and children	1	15	-
		Naxalism	2	10	-
16.	Human Resource Development	Dalit students	1	11	-
17.	Labour and Employment	Provident fund	2	7	5
18.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	Fuel prices	1	17	3
19.	Railways	Passenger amenities	2	7	5
		Rail projects	-	16	-
		Train services	-	11	-
20.	Tourism	Promotion of tourism	1	14	-
21.	Urban Development	Smart cities	2	11	-
22.	Youth Affairs and Sports	Promotion of sports	2	10	-

## **STATEMENT-VI**

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

205 copies of 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 the disposal of SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS*

	Subject	Name of the Member	Ministry/ Department	Disposal	No. of supplementaries asked
1.	Role of external/independent directors in PSBs as regards NPA	Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar	Finance	Disallowed	-

Admitted: Nil Disallowed: 1 Lapsed: 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.	Not passing full benefits of fall in petroleum prices to consumers	Shri Digvijaya Singh	Petroleum and Natural Gas	Lapsed	-
2.	Bilateral trade agreements	Shri T. K. Rangararan	Commerce and Industry	Lapsed	-

Admitted: Nil Disallowed : Nil Lapsed: 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.	16.03.2016	Shri Manoj Sinha, Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways	Unstarred Question 1427	31.07.2015	Incurring of losses due to faulty freight policy



## 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.....	29
2.	The number of sittings during 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 during which Question time was allotted but no Questions were orally answered in the House.....	1(on 24.02.2016)
5.	The number of sittings cancelled.....	15*
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.....	928
8.	The number of Members from whom notices were received.....	134
9.	The maximum number of times any Member's name appeared in the ballot of Starred Questions .....	8(each of Shri Meghraj Jain and Dr. K.V.P Ramachandra Rao)
10.	The number of Starred Questions answered orally .....	77
11.	The number of Starred Questions on which Supplementaries were put.....	77
12.	The number of Supplementary Questions put.....	317
13.	The number of Questions to which written replies were laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.....	2367

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*\*The House was prorogued on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2016*

14. The maximum number of notices received from any one Member..... 132 (from Shri Derek O' Brien)
15. Maximum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member..... 39 (of Shri K. K. Ragesh)
16. Minimum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member..... 1 (each of Shri Jesudasu Seelam, Shri Ranvijay Singh Judev, Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu and Shri V. P. Singh Badnore )
17. The maximum number of Supplementary Questions put by any one Member..... 12 (by Shri Bhupinder Singh)
18. The maximum number of Supplementaries asked by any one Member on any one day..... 3 (by Shri Bhupinder Singh on 25.02.2013)
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 24.02.2016)
21. The maximum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day..... 8 (each on 15.03.2016 and 16.03.2016)
22. The minimum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day..... 2 (on 01.03.2016)
23. The maximum number of notices received on any one day after the issue of Bulletin for commencement of the Session..... 565 (on 12.02.2016)

24.	The maximum number of Questions orally answered on any one subject.....	2 (on agricultural production)
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.....	452 (to Minister of Home Affairs)
27.	The maximum number of admitted Questions addressed to any one Minister.....	194 (to Minister of Home Affairs)
28.	The maximum number of Questions orally answered by any one Minister.....	6 (each by Ministers of Home Affairs and Human Resource Development)
29.	The maximum number of Supplementary Questions answered by any one Minister .....	27 (by Minister of Home Affairs)
30.	Number of Questions answered by a Minister, other than by the Minister-in-charge.....	1 (SQ 122 dated 09.03.2016 by Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, MOS in M/o Parliamentary Affairs for M/o Commerce and Industry)
31.	Average number of Questions received per sitting.....	205.62
32.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting...	5.5
33.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting (only for those sittings when Questions were orally answered).....	5.9
34.	Average number of Supplementary Questions asked per sitting.....	22.64
35.	Average number of Supplementary Questions on each Question answered orally .....	4.12
36.	Average time taken on each Question orally answered.....	9.32 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.....	205

38. The largest number of Statements sent to the Rajya Sabha Notice Office with reference to Questions on any one day. 15 (each on 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016)
39. The biggest statement laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha with reference to a Question sent to Notice Office and Lobby..... 17 pages ( for SQ 120 answered on 08.03.2016)
40. Total number of statements made/laid by Ministers correcting replies given by them to Questions in the Rajya Sabha..... 1



## 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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