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## PREFACE

This Pamphlet contains statistical information relating to notices of Questions received during the Two Hundred and Forty Second 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.

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*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; Mines; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Planning; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. 2005

### 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. 2374

### 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. 2239

### 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. 2288

### 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. 2329

TOTAL:

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11235

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## 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.	02.02.2017	152	90	242	45
2.	03.02.2017	197	101	298	55
3.	06.02.2017	236	155	391	93
4.	07.02.2017	250	150	400	68
5.	08.02.2017	197	143	340	64
6.	09.02.2017	180	140	320	66
7.	09.03.2017	194	132	326	47
8.	10.03.2017	259	137	396	66
9.	14.03.2017	330	161	491	78
10.	15.03.2017	258	139	397	80
11.	16.03.2017	214	132	346	75
12.	17.03.2017	266	143	409	75
13.	20.03.2017	295	189	484	91
14.	21.03.2017	300	157	457	100
15.	22.03.2017	232	147	379	77
16.	23.03.2017	234	137	371	70
17.	24.03.2017	271	165	436	74
18.	27.03.2017	279	165	444	70
19.	28.03.2017	335	179	514	93
20.	29.03.2017	234	140	374	70
21.	30.03.2017	205	107	312	67
22.	31.03.2017	259	134	393	100
23.	03.04.2017	227	122	349	51
24.	05.04.2017	236	146	382	65
25.	06.04.2017	243	128	371	70

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26.	07.04.2017	247	150	397	74
27.	10.04.2017	229	108	337	68
28.	11.04.2017	328	184	512	108
29.	12.04.2017	249	118	367	75
TOTAL:		7136	4099	11235	2135



### 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	7136	435	-	65	772	2830	2	2	4
Unstarred	4099	4629+	786++	21	515	1171	-	-	3
TOTAL:	11235	5064	786	86	1287	4001	2	2	7

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+ Includes 2608 notices of Starred Questions admitted as Unstarred Questions.

++ Includes 418 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	6(2)	-	-	-	-	3(2)	3(0)	-	-	-
2.	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	585(109)	30(5)	243(40)	53(11)	6(3)	60(13)	191(37)	2(0)	14	61
3.	Atomic Energy	55(9)	4(1)	29(1)	3(0)	-	10(1)	9(6)	-	1	3
4.	Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)	89(21)	1(1)	41(10)	5(0)	-	3(1)	39(9)	-	-	-
5.	Chemicals and Fertilizers	196(26)	8(1)	73(10)	13(2)	-	22(1)	80(12)	-	2	8
6.	Civil Aviation	282(45)	6(2)	90(23)	15(2)	-	21(2)	150(16)	-	2	9
7.	Coal	129(22)	2(0)	52(7)	9(1)	-	8(2)	58(12)	-	-	-
8.	Commerce and Industry	394(41)	8(1)	175(19)	25(0)	4(1)	43(6)	138(14)	1(0)	3	12
9.	Communications	188(39)	6(1)	76(14)	9(1)	-	24(5)	73(18)	-	4	15
10.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	216(48)	5(1)	84(20)	15(6)	-	25(3)	87(18)	-	4	15

11.	Corporate Affairs	33(4)	1(0)	12(4)	1(0)	-	1(0)	18(0)	-	-	-
12.	Culture	136(32)	7(2)	62(12)	2(1)	3(3)	12(3)	50(11)	-	2	10
13.	Defence	298(49)	11(0)	89(17)	37(11)	2(0)	19(4)	140(17)	-	3	12
14.	Development of North Eastern Region	33(3)	1(0)	15(3)	2(0)	-	7(0)	8(0)	-	1	2
15.	Drinking Water and Sanitation	190(51)	8(1)	79(21)	14(5)	-	20(8)	69(16)	-	1	3
16.	Earth Sciences	46(5)	2(1)	24(1)	4(1)	-	9(2)	7(0)	-	1	3
17.	Electronics and Information Technology	180(27)	6(1)	74(11)	16(3)	1(0)	7(2)	76(10)	-	1	2
18.	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	383(59)	19(4)	164(22)	30(11)	8(4)	17(2)	144(16)	1(0)	4	17
19.	External Affairs	293(34)	15(2)	123(12)	16(4)	10(3)	78(6)	51(7)	-	7	23
20.	Finance	876(147)	28(7)	303(45)	64(15)	4(0)	46(12)	430(68)	1(0)	9	33
21.	Food Processing Industries	76(14)	2(0)	32(6)	5(0)	-	2(0)	35(8)	-	1	1
22.	Health and Family Welfare	594(13)	24(7)	203(38)	43(17)	6(6)	37(7)	283(55)	-	4	20
23.	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	87(9)	7(0)	27(4)	9(0)	2(2)	8(0)	34(3)	-	3	7
24.	Home Affairs	578(130)	37(8)	239(51)	46(12)	10(4)	53(5)	193(50)	-	17	66
25.	Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation	145(37)	8(4)	74(18)	10(2)	2(1)	25(8)	26(4)	-	2	8
26.	Human Resource Development	570(113)	27(6)	286(62)	34(8)	12(3)	107(17)	104(17)	-	7	33
27.	Information and Broadcasting	123(25)	6(1)	66(15)	5(1)	-	26(6)	20(2)	-	2	5
28.	Labour and Employment	284(58)	14(7)	118(25)	20(8)	-	23(4)	109(14)	-	3	11

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29.	Law and Justice	173(27)	4(2)	72(12)	14(0)	-	21(1)	62(12)	-	-	-
30.	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	138(28)	4(2)	50(8)	18(4)	-	14(2)	52(12)	-	-	-
31.	Mines	49(9)	1(0)	17(5)	2(0)	-	5(1)	24(3)	-	-	-
32.	Minority Affairs	70(16)	2(1)	24(6)	4(2)	1(1)	4(2)	35(4)	-	-	-
33.	New and Renewable Energy	142(16)	4(0)	52(8)	11(0)	-	21(1)	54(7)	-	2	7
34.	Panchayati Raj	42(17)	1(0)	14(8)	1(0)	-	9(4)	17(5)	-	-	-
35.	Parliamentary Affairs	13(1)	-	4(1)	1(0)	-	6(0)	2(0)	-	-	-
36.	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	91(17)	1(0)	44(7)	7(3)	-	20(3)	19(4)	-	-	-
37.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	275(50)	4(0)	127(20)	25(4)	-	33(7)	85(19)	1(0)	1	1
38.	Planning	62(20)	3(2)	20(8)	3(2)	1(1)	4(1)	31(6)	-	3	13
39.	Power	184(37)	7(2)	63(11)	12(2)	1(0)	34(5)	67(17)	-	2	5
40.	Railways	557(126)	24(6)	243(50)	41(13)	-	44(9)	204(48)	1(0)	11	43
41.	Road Transport and Highways	314(53)	9(1)	121(22)	22(4)	-	46(12)	115(14)	1(0)	-	-
42.	Rural Development	218(46)	7(2)	94(20)	7(2)	-	26(2)	84(20)	-	3	8
43.	Science and Technology	42(5)	2(0)	26(5)	-	-	4(0)	10(0)	-	-	-
44.	Shipping	73(1)	3(0)	35(0)	8(0)	-	4(0)	23(1)	-	-	-
45.	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	160(36)	7(0)	81(19)	14(0)	1(0)	26(8)	31(9)	-	3	13

46.	Social Justice and Empowerment	209(46)	6(0)	108(20)	8(2)	-	56(17)	31(7)	-	3	11
47.	Space	38(4)	1(0)	17(3)	2(0)	-	6(0)	12(1)	-	-	-
48.	Statistics and Programme Implementation	23(6)	-	14(2)	2(0)	-	1(0)	6(4)	-	-	-
49.	Steel	73(10)	2(0)	32(6)	4(1)	-	10(1)	25(2)	-	1	4
50.	Textiles	145(27)	5(1)	60(14)	15(1)	1(0)	12(2)	52(9)	-	3	12
51.	Tourism	152(34)	5(0)	69(12)	11(4)	-	17(3)	50(15)	-	1	2
52.	Tribal Affairs	122(39)	2(0)	58(15)	7(3)	2(2)	8(6)	45(13)	-	2	8
53.	Urban Development	218(44)	12(3)	112(17)	14(2)	-	39(11)	39(11)	2(0)	2	9
54.	Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	219(42)	11(2)	87(18)	4(0)	3(2)	32(6)	82(14)	-	5	12
55.	Women and Child Development	236(54)	13(1)	94(19)	13(3)	6(2)	58(17)	52(12)	-	3	13
56.	Youth Affairs and Sports	132(35)	2(1)	38(11)	11(0)	-	13(5)	68(18)	-	1	3
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>11235(2135)</b>	<b>435(90)</b>	<b>4629(858)</b>	<b>786(174)</b>	<b>86(38)</b>	<b>1287(248)</b>	<b>4001(727)</b>	<b>11(0)</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>543</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	0	30	-
		Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana	3	14	10
		Suicide by farmers	2	20	-
2.	Civil Aviation	Functioning /Performance of Air India etc.	1	15	-
6		New flights/airlines and air routes /flights schedules	-	15	-
3.	Commerce and Industry	Export/Import	3	29	3
		FDI	2	18	-
4	Culture	Protection/development of monuments	3	20	5
5.	Drinking Water and Sanitation	Drinking water issues	4	31	3
6.	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Forests	4	15	-
		Pollution	5	28	10
7.	Finance	Black money	5	11	7
		Demonetisation	6	37	8
		Loan from banks	1	26	-
8.	Home Affairs	Paramilitary forces	6	14	-

9.	Human Resource Development	Kendriya Vidyalayas	1	16	8
10.	Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana	2	22	5
11.	New and Renewable Energy	Solar energy/Power	2	29	2
	Petroleum and Natural Gas	Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana	1	17	-
12.	Railways	Modernization/Upgradation of railway stations	1	16	-
		Railway Projects	3	20	-
		Train accidents and safety measures	1	37	-
		Train services	2	18	3
13.	Road Transport and Highways	National Highways/NHAI	3	19	-
14.	Rural Development	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act	2	29	-
		Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana	-	16	-
15.	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Skill Training	6	20	13
16.	Textiles	Textile units/parks/policy	-	16	-
17.	Tourism	Promotion/Development of tourism	3	28	5
18.	Water Resources, Ganga Rejuvenation and River Development	Ganga river	2	14	-

## STATEMENT-VI

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

Copies of 430 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*

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
1.	8.2.2017	Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs	Unstarred Question 55	16.11.2016	Deportation of illegal Bangladeshi Migrants
2.	24.3.2017	Shri C.R. Chaudhary, Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Unstarred Question 1831	17.3.2017	Buffer stock of pulses
3	6.4.2017	Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, MoS in Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	Unstarred Question No.2073	4.8.2016	Violation of Rules of registration



## 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..... 29
2. The number of sittings on which the Question Hour was dispensed with..... Nil
3. The number of sittings which were adjourned without transacting any business..... 1(on 9.3.2017)
4. The number of sittings on which Question time was allotted but no Questions were orally answered in the House..... 2 (on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2017)
5. The number of sittings cancelled..... 2(on 14.3.2017 and 3.4.2017)
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..... 2135
8. The number of Members from whom notices were received..... 137
9. The maximum number of times any Member's name appeared in the ballot of Starred Questions..... 16 (of Shri Vivek Gupta)
10. The number of Starred Questions answered orally ..... 144
11. The number of Starred Questions on which Supplementaries were put..... 140
12. The number of Supplementary Questions put..... 543
13. The number of Questions to which written replies were laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha..... 4920

14. The maximum number of notices received from any one Member..... 242 (from Shri Lal Sinh Vadodia)
15. Maximum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member..... 76(against Shri Harivansh)
16. Minimum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member..... 1 (each against Dr. Subramanian Swamy and Shri Ramkumar Verma)
17. The maximum number of Supplementary Questions put by any one Member..... 27 ( by Shri Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu)
18. The maximum number of Supplementaries asked by any one Member on any one day..... 3( by Shri D.Raja on 06.02.2017 and Shri Husain Dalwai on 20.3.2017)
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..... 156 (on 02.02.2017)
21. The maximum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day..... 8( each on 02.02.2017, 07.02.2017 and 08.02.2017)
22. The minimum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day..... 4( each on 21.3.2017 and 22.3.2017)
23. The maximum number of notices received on any one day after the issue of Bulletin for commencement of the Session..... 873 (on 21.02.2017)
24. The maximum number of Questions orally answered on any one subject..... 2 (each on Demonetisation, Digital payments and promotion of Electric Vehicles )

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.....	876 (to Minister of Finance)
27.	The maximum number of admitted Questions addressed to any one Minister.....	331 (to Minister of Finance )
28.	The maximum number of Questions orally answered by any one Minister.....	17 (by Minister of Home Affairs)
29.	The maximum number of Supplementary Questions answered by any one Minister.....	66( by Minister of Home Affairs)
30.	Number of Questions answered by a Minister, other than by the Minister-in-charge.....	4 by Shri Prakash Javadekar , Minister of Human Resource Development in lieu of Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and 1 by Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, MoS in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in lieu of MoS (IC) of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
31.	Average number of Questions received per sitting.....	387.4
32.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting...	4.96
33.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting (only for those sittings when Questions were orally answered).....	6
34.	Average number of Supplementary Questions asked per sitting.....	18.7

35. Average number of Supplementary Questions on each Question answered orally ..... 3.77
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..... 430
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..... 44 pages (for SQ 304 answered on 30.3.2017)
40. Total number of statements made/laid by Ministers correcting replies given by them to Questions in the Rajya Sabha..... 3



## 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
			Nil

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