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## PREFACE

This Pamphlet contains statistical information relating to notices of questions received during the Two Hundred and Fifty 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;  
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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, Defence; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Jal Shakti, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Mines; Minority Affairs, Parliamentary Affairs; Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Road Transport and Highways; Youth Affairs and Sports. 2230

### GROUP-II

Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Corporate Affairs; Culture; Earth Sciences; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; New and Renewable Energy; Power; Science and Technology; Tourism. 2373

### GROUP-III

Civil Aviation; Home Affairs; Housing and Urban Affairs; Labour and Employment; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Social Justice and Empowerment; Steel. 2383

### GROUP-IV

Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Communications; Development of North Eastern Region; Education; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Law and Justice; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Textiles; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development. 2053

### GROUP-V

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Commerce and Industry; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food Processing Industries; Panchayati Raj; Railways; Rural Development; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. 2161

TOTAL:

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11200

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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.	02.02.2021	162	177	339	44
2.	03.02.2021	209	195	404	66
3.	04.02.2021	183	220	403	79
4.	05.02.2021	215	264	479	93
5.	08.02.2021	219	212	431	75
6.	09.02.2021	209	179	388	76
7.	10.02.2021	206	220	426	80
8.	11.02.2021	170	210	380	55
9.	12.02.2021	209	219	428	76
10.	08.03.2021	374	392	766	115
11.	09.03.2021	195	195	390	61
12.	10.03.2021	218	184	402	75
13.	12.03.2021	237	197	434	74
14.	15.03.2021	202	182	384	66
15.	16.03.2021	204	180	384	57
16.	17.03.2021	198	190	388	62
17.	18.03.2021	245	231	476	76
18.	19.03.2021	242	215	457	100
19.	22.03.2021	224	203	427	82
20.	23.03.2021	215	190	405	68
21.	24.03.2021	181	184	365	72

22.	25.03.2021	205	196	401	71
23.	*26.03.2021	180	183	363	85
24.	*30.03.2021	146	157	303	37
25.	*31.03.2021	138	115	253	48
26.	*01.04.2021	122	134	256	44
27.	*05.04.2021	99	123	222	43
28.	*06.04.2021	72	92	164	38
29.	*07.04.2021	60	85	145	25
30.	*08.04.2021	57	80	137	25

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TOTAL:

**5596**

**5604**

**11200**

**1968**

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\*Sittings cancelled



### STATEMENT-III

*Abstract showing the disposal of notices of Starred and Unstarred Questions*

Category of Questions	Notices received	Admitted and listed	Admitted by clubbing	Notices declubbed	Disallowed	Lapsed	Returned	Withdrawn	Cancelled
Starred	5596	329	-	0	420	3349	1	27	-
Unstarred	5604	3520+	801++	17	472	2245	-	19	-
TOTAL:	11200*	3849	801	17	892	5594	1	46	-

\* Includes 9256 E-notices and 1944 Physical notices.

+ Includes 1176 notices of Starred Questions admitted as Unstarred Questions.

++ Includes 294 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 and listed		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	39(5)	-	-	-	-	26(5)	13(0)	-	-	-
2.	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	570(88)	18(2)	160(30)	81(20)	7(3)	63(7)	240(26)	1(0)	5	12
3.	Atomic Energy	43(9)	-	19(6)	1(0)	-	1(0)	22(3)	-	-	-
4.	Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH)	153(37)	8(1)	60(21)	10(0)	-	10(2)	65(13)	-	2	8
5.	Chemical and Fertilizers	130(22)	5(2)	53(12)	10(0)	-	6(2)	56(6)	-	2	6
6.	Civil Aviation	289(53)	8(3)	134(30)	16(7)	-	15(3)	112(10)	4(0)	2	9
7.	Coal	128(24)	7(0)	45(12)	4(2)	-	1(1)	67(9)	4(0)	1	5
8.	Commerce and Industry	252(27)	2(0)	76(14)	21(5)	-	19(1)	134(7)	-	1	3
9.	Communications	153(33)	6(1)	54(13)	17(8)	-	7(5)	68(6)	1(0)	-	-
10.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	239(47)	7(4)	62(13)	30(14)	3(3)	8(1)	128(12)	1(0)	1	5
11.	Corporate Affairs	124(23)	2(0)	42(5)	9(2)	-	17(8)	54(8)	-	2	7
12.	Culture	153(24)	3(0)	57(12)	8(2)	-	13(2)	72(8)	-	1	5

Sl. No.	Name of Ministry/Department	Notices received	Admitted and listed		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
13.	Defence	294(13)	3(0)	59(2)	13(0)	-	99(5)	120(6)	-	2	7
14.	Development of North Eastern Region	25(2)	1(1)	7(0)	4(0)	-	1(0)	12(1)	-	-	-
15.	Earth Sciences	50(1)	-	14(1)	1(0)	-	-	35(0)	-	2	7
16.	Education	426(72)	9(4)	159(30)	28(8)	-	25(6)	204(24)	1(0)		
17.	Electronics and Information Technology	230(15)	10(0)	71(5)	14(1)	-	13(3)	122(6)	-	6	22
18.	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	379(56)	20(3)	117(18)	15(2)	-	15(7)	212(26)	-	10	34
19.	External Affairs	190(13)	4(0)	51(4)	10(0)	1(0)	40(0)	83(9)	1(0)	2	8
20.	Finance	637(67)	30(3)	207(26)	47(17)	1(1)	40(4)	305(15)	7(1)	12	32
21.	Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	143(24)	5(1)	39(10)	12(5)	-	7(0)	79(8)	1(0)	1	3
22.	Food Processing Industries	88(9)	2(0)	25(3)	9(0)	-	1(0)	51(6)	-	1	2
23.	Health and Family Welfare	673(81)	20(4)	229 (32)	48(12)	-	40(10)	333(23)	3(0)	12	47
24.	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	92(8)	-	26(1)	4(0)	1(0)	1(0)	58(7)	2(0)	-	-
25.	Home Affairs	634(86)	22(7)	170(24)	46(14)	-	105(21)	291(20)	-	3	9
26.	Housing and Urban Affairs	356(54)	10(1)	112(20)	16(2)	-	41(15)	177(16)	-	3	11
27.	Information and Broadcasting	156(14)	4(0)	44(5)	7(1)	-	4(1)	97(7)	-	-	-
28.	Jal Shakti	322(56)	7(2)	100(21)	23(4)	-	22(8)	167(20)	3(1)	2	5

Sl. No.	Name of Ministry/Department	Notices received	Admitted and listed		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
29.	Labour and Employment	409(42)	12(1)	151(23)	31(4)	-	36(5)	177(9)	2(0)	3	6
30.	Law and Justice	174(16)	4(1)	45(7)	6(0)	-	25(2)	92(6)	2(0)	2	8
31.	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	183(26)	5(1)	55(8)	14(2)	-	14(4)	93(11)	2(0)	1	1
32.	Mines	58(12)	3(3)	18(4)	-	-	3(3)	33(2)	1(0)	1	2
33.	Minority Affairs	80(8)	1(0)	22(2)	1(0)	-	1(1)	55(5)	-	1	4
34.	New and Renewable Energy	130(19)	5(4)	44(8)	5(0)	-	4(1)	71(6)	1(0)	1	3
35.	Panchayati Raj	66(18)	1(1)	17(7)	3(0)	-	-	45(10)	-	-	-
36.	Parliamentary Affairs	24(1)	-	-	-	-	9(1)	15(0)	-	-	-
37.	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	83(19)	2(2)	30(4)	12(4)	-	5(2)	34(7)	-	-	-
38.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	321(64)	9(0)	107(26)	30(11)	-	39(12)	136(15)	-	4	11
39.	Planning	23(4)	1(0)	8(2)	-	-	-	14(2)	-	1	3
40.	Port, Shipping and Waterways	72(5)	2(0)	25(3)	2(0)	-	4(0)	38(2)	1(0)		
41.	Power	156(22)	2(1)	51(9)	12(0)	1(0)	13(3)	76(9)	1(0)	-	-
42.	Railways	349(66)	13(1)	119(28)	34(6)	2(2)	13(4)	168(25)	-	6	22
43.	Road Transport and Highways	295(76)	4(3)	88(30)	18(10)	1(0)	5(1)	175(32)	4(0)	1	4
44.	Rural Development	179(22)	3(1)	48(13)	8(0)	-	6(1)	114(7)	-	2	10

Sl. No.	Name of Ministry/Department	Notices received	Admitted and listed		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
45.	Science and Technology	74(3)	3(0)	25(1)	7(0)	-	2(0)	37(2)	-	2	5
46.	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	145(20)	4(1)	41(9)	7(0)	-	5(0)	88(10)	-	1	1
47.	Social Justice and Empowerment	277(41)	12(6)	91(17)	23(2)	-	22(5)	129(11)	-	5	19
48.	Space	25(2)	1(0)	7(0)	-	-	1(1)	16(1)	-	-	-
49.	Statistics and Programme Implementation	36(4)	-	12(2)	4(0)	-	4(1)	16(1)	-	-	-
50.	Steel	97(15)	2(1)	35(8)	6(0)	-	7(2)	43(3)	4(1)	-	-
51.	Textiles	145(23)	6(1)	38(8)	19(3)	-	2(0)	80(11)	-	1	5
52.	Tourism	223(29)	1(0)	71(14)	22(3)	-	14(3)	115(9)	-	1	3
53.	Tribal Affairs	170(28)	7(1)	51(12)	13(1)	-	7(2)	92(12)	-	2	6
54.	Women and Child Development	291(36)	9(1)	88(19)	12(0)	-	9(4)	173(12)	-	3	9
55.	Youth Affairs and Sports	147(39)	4(2)	41(17)	8(0)	-	2(1)	92(18)	-	2	8
TOTAL :		11200(1623)	329(71)	3520(651)	801 (174)	17(9)	892(175)	5594(540)	47(3)	113	377

## 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 and listed</u>		No. of Supplementaries asked
			Starred	Unstarred	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Agricultural production	-	15	-
		Farm Laws	1	19	-
		Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana	-	14	-
		Implementation of welfare schemes for farmers	-	12	-
2.	AYUSH	COVID-19 treatment	2	13	3
3.	Chemicals and Fertilizers	Demand and supply of fertilizers	1	13	1
4.	Civil Aviation	Privatisation of airports	-	14	-
5.	Commerce and Industry	Development of industries	-	23	-
		Import/Export	1	21	3
6.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Public Distribution System	2	22	5
		Storage capacity	1	13	-
7.	Finance	Disinvestment of PSUs	1	15	-
		GST compensation	3	22	3
		Tax collection	2	20	4
8.	Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	Dairy sector	-	16	
		Fishing activities	2	12	3

Sl. No.	Name of Ministry/ Department	Subject	<u>No. of Questions Admitted and listed</u>		No. of Supple- mentaries asked
			Starred	Unstarred	
1	2	3	4	5	6
10	8. Health and Family Welfare	Construction of AIIMS	-	15	-
		COVID-19 vaccination programmes	6	48	10
		New Medical colleges	1	25	4
	9. Home Affairs	Prisons (Modernisation, safety and overcrowding)	2	11	-
		Police (Modernisation and reforms)	2	13	-
	10. Housing and Urban Affairs	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY(U))	-	13	-
		Smart Cities Mission (SCM)	1	14	-
		Migrant workers/labours	1	19	-
	12. Petroleum and Natural Gas	Petroleum products' price	3	12	5
	13. Railways	Railway projects	4	33	5
		Train services	-	14	-
	14. Road Transport and Highways	National Highways	3	34	-
	15. Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana	2	14	-
		Scholarship schemes	2	12	-
	16. Social Justice and Empowerment				

## STATEMENT-VI

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

Copies of 328 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
1.	Privatisation of Vizag Steel Plant	Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao	Finance	Disallowed	-
2.	Health Guarantee Scheme	Dr. Fauzia Khan	Health and Family Welfare	Disallowed	-
3.	Health Guarantee Scheme	Dr. Fauzia Khan	Health and Family Welfare	Disallowed	-
Admitted: Nil Disallowed : Three Returned : Nil Withdrawn : 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.	18.03.2021	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law and Justice, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology	Starred Question 111	11.02.2021	Eligibility in reserved constituencies
2.	19.03.2021	Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti, Minister of State in Ministry of Rural Development	Supplementary Question arising out of the answer to Starred Question 215	13.03.2020	Registering rural workers under MGNREGA

## 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.....	30
2.	The number of sittings on which the Question Hour was dispensed with.....	5 (on 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> February, 24 <sup>th</sup> , and 25 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021)
3.	The number of sittings which were adjourned without transacting any business.....	Nil
4.	The number of sittings on which Question time was allotted but no Questions were orally answered in the House.....	Nil
5.	The number of sittings cancelled.....	9 (on 12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup> March, and 1 <sup>st</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021)
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.....	1968
8.	The number of Members from whom notices were received.....	148
9.	The maximum number of times any Member's name appeared in the ballot of Starred Questions.....	15 (each of Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta and Shri Mahesh Poddar)
10.	The number of Starred Questions answered orally .....	113
11.	The number of Starred Questions on which Supplementaries were put.....	107
12.	The number of Supplementary Questions put.....	377
13.	The number of Questions to which written replies were laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.....	3736

14.	The maximum number of notices received from any one Member.....	263 (from Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar )
15.	Maximum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member.....	54 (against Shri Mahesh Poddar)
16.	Minimum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member.....	1 (each against Shri Ashok Bajpai, Dr. Subramanian Swamy and Dr. Wanweiroy Kharlukhi)
17.	The maximum number of Supplementary Questions put by any one Member.....	11 (by Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar)
18.	The maximum number of Supplementaries asked by any one Member on any one day.....	3 (each by Shri Rakesh Sinha on 18.03.2021 and Shri Syed Zafar Islam on 19.03.2021)
19.	The days on which there were less than 15 Questions in a Starred list.....	1 (14 Questions on 9 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021)
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.....	12 (on 09.03.2021)
22.	The minimum number of Questions on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day.....	1 (on 08.03.2021)
23.	The maximum number of notices received on any one day after the issue of Bulletin for commencement of the Session.....	784 (on 25.01.2021)
24.	The maximum number of Questions orally answered on any one subject.....	4 (on COVID-19 vaccination programmes)

25.	The maximum number of supplementaries raised on any one Question.....	6 (due to merged Starred Questions 260 and 268 on 20.03.2021)
26.	The maximum number of notices addressed to any one Minister by Members.....	673 (to Minister of Health and Family Welfare)
27.	The maximum number of admitted Questions addressed to any one Minister.....	249 (to Minister of Health and Family Welfare)
28.	The maximum number of Questions orally answered by any one Minister.....	12 (by Minister of Finance and Minister of Health and Family Welfare)
29.	The maximum number of Supplementary Questions answered by any one Minister.....	47 (by Minister of Health and Family Welfare)
30.	Number of Questions answered by a Minister, other than by the Minister-in-charge.....	Nil
31.	Average number of Questions received per sitting.....	373.33
32.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting...	5.14
33.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting (only for those sittings when Questions were orally answered).....	7.06
34.	Average number of Supplementary Questions asked per sitting.....	17.14
35.	Average number of Supplementary Questions on each Question answered orally .....	3.34
36.	Average time taken on each Question orally answered.....	6.27 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.....	328

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..... 25 pages (for SQ 152 answered on 09.03.2021)
40. Total number of statements made/laid by Ministers correcting replies given by them to Questions in the Rajya Sabha..... 2

## 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
			Nil