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## PREFACE

This Pamphlet contains statistical information relating to notices of questions received during the Two Hundred and Fifty Fourth 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, 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. 1516

### GROUP-II

AYUSH; Corporate Affairs; Culture; Earth Sciences; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; New and Renewable Energy; Power; Science and Technology; Tourism. 1759

### GROUP-III

Civil Aviation; Cooperation; Home Affairs; Housing and Urban Affairs; Labour and Employment; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Social Justice and Empowerment; Steel. 1436

### 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. 1589

### 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. 1733

TOTAL:

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8033

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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.	19.07.2021	189	151	340	70
2.	20.07.2021	183	149	332	64
3.	22.07.2021	204	155	359	69
4.	23.07.2021	244	190	434	86
5.	26.07.2021	202	151	353	59
6.	27.07.2021	242	174	416	63
7.	28.07.2021	262	200	462	79
8.	29.07.2021	206	182	388	52
9.	30.07.2021	274	186	460	98
10.	02.08.2021	219	196	415	81
11.	03.08.2021	277	224	501	64
12.	04.08.2021	285	184	469	76
13.	05.08.2021	248	169	417	66
14.	06.08.2021	220	194	414	91
15.	09.08.2021	241	167	408	85
16.	10.08.2021	306	204	510	69
17.	11.08.2021	274	231	505	90
18.	*12.08.2021	225	200	425	60
19.	*13.08.2021	191	234	425	89
TOTAL:		4492	3541	8033	1411

\*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	4492	253	-	8	482	2244	-	3	36
Unstarred	3541	2713+	648++	13	351	1247	-	-	35
TOTAL:	8033*	2966	648	21	833	3491	-	3	71

\* Includes 6954 E-notices and 1079 Physical notices.

+ Includes 1199 notices of Starred Questions admitted as Unstarred Questions.

++ Includes 267 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	15(0)	-	-	-	-	12(0)	3(0)	-	-	-
2.	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	463(87)	17(2)	117(35)	39(9)	4(4)	44(14)	238(22)	4(1)	2	7
3.	Atomic Energy	26(2)	-	12(2)	1(0)	-	3(0)	10(0)	-	-	-
4.	AYUSH	87(21)	2(0)	45(11)	7(0)	-	9(1)	22(7)	2(2)	-	-
5.	Chemical and Fertilizers	96(19)	2(1)	25(6)	7(1)	-	8(2)	53(9)	1(0)	-	-
6.	Civil Aviation	174(26)	7(2)	90(16)	13(0)	-	11(0)	53(8)	-	2	9
7.	Coal	118(30)	6(2)	53(11)	14(4)	2(0)	9(2)	31(9)	3(2)	-	-
8.	Commerce and Industry	158(16)	3(0)	39(7)	17(1)	-	15(1)	83(7)	1(0)	-	-
9.	Communications	158(18)	5(0)	53(7)	6(0)	-	12(3)	79(6)	3(2)	-	-
10.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	229(35)	5(0)	63(11)	22(11)	1(0)	24(1)	109(12)	5(0)	-	-
11.	Cooperation	9(1)	-	5(1)	2(0)	-	1(0)	1(0)	-	-	-
12.	Corporate Affairs	66(9)	-	25(4)	3(0)	-	8(0)	30(2)	-	-	-
13.	Culture	102(18)	3(0)	32(8)	3(2)	1(0)	12(2)	50(6)	1(0)	1	5

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			Starred	Unstarred							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
14.	Defence	222(33)	2(1)	58(14)	13(0)	5(5)	87(6)	54(4)	3(3)	1	2
15.	Development of North Eastern Region	24(2)	1(0)	6(1)	-	-	-	17(1)	-	-	-
16.	Earth Sciences	40(3)	1(0)	13(2)	4(1)	-	-	20(0)	2(0)	-	-
17.	Education	357(41)	8(5)	125(15)	43(3)	-	39(12)	140(6)	2(0)	2	5
18.	Electronics and Information Technology	137(14)	2(0)	37(6)	7(0)	-	18(3)	71(3)	2(2)	-	-
19.	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	244(48)	13(3)	112(27)	25(4)	5(0)	20(2)	66(10)	3(0)	2	3
20.	External Affairs	159(8)	6(1)	41(4)	14(0)	-	24(2)	72(1)	2(0)	2	8
21.	Finance	487(75)	22(4)	176(22)	44(4)	-	42(7)	201(37)	2(1)	4	10
22.	Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	100(7)	-	28(4)	4(0)	-	3(1)	64(2)	1(0)	-	-
23.	Food Processing Industries	68(9)	1(1)	26(5)	3(0)	-	2(0)	35(3)	1(0)	-	-
24.	Health and Family Welfare	660(75)	19(4)	220(27)	55(9)	1(0)	55(1)	305(30)	5(4)	6	15
25.	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	48(6)	4(1)	16(2)	2(0)	-	1(0)	23(3)	2(0)	2	6
26.	Home Affairs	393(50)	4(0)	78(15)	23(8)	-	118(14)	168(12)	2(1)	1	-
27.	Housing and Urban Affairs	181(25)	11(1)	71(11)	14(0)	-	21(4)	64(9)	-	3	3
28.	Information and Broadcasting	102(9)	4(1)	50(4)	5(0)	-	9(1)	33(3)	1(0)	2	1
29.	Jal Shakti	216(39)	10(5)	98(17)	20(1)	1(0)	28(4)	57(12)	2(0)	2	7
30.	Labour and Employment	238(35)	10(4)	88(11)	20(3)	-	27(3)	93(14)	-	5	6
31.	Law and Justice	142(20)	3(1)	42(4)	6(0)	-	16(8)	74(7)	1(0)	-	-

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
32.	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	121(21)	2(0)	51(12)	14(5)	1(0)	7(0)	45(4)	1(0)	-	-
33.	Mines	34(8)	-	15(2)	2(0)	-	2(0)	15(6)	-	-	-
34.	Minority Affairs	64(10)	2(0)	34(4)	4(2)	-	1(0)	23(4)	-	-	-
35.	New and Renewable Energy	108(25)	2(0)	44(13)	3(2)	-	3(1)	55(9)	1(0)	1	3
36.	Panchayati Raj	65(6)	1(0)	18(3)	3(0)	-	2(0)	41(3)	-	-	-
37.	Parliamentary Affairs	11(0)	-	-	-	-	7(0)	4(0)	-	-	-
38.	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	80(19)	3(1)	21(7)	10(5)	-	6(2)	39(4)	1(0)	1	2
39.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	238(61)	5(0)	83(20)	25(8)	-	33(11)	91(22)	1(0)	2	-
40.	Planning	23(1)	-	7(0)	2(0)	-	2(0)	12(1)	-	-	-
41.	Port, Shipping and Waterways	70(13)	4(0)	23(3)	5(2)	-	4(1)	34(7)	-	-	-
42.	Power	63(13)	8(2)	25(7)	2(0)	-	4(1)	23(3)	1(0)	2	5
43.	Railways	268(60)	12(7)	93(28)	33(10)	-	6(3)	119(12)	5(0)	2	4
44.	Road Transport and Highways	176(48)	11(4)	80(23)	6(2)	-	3(1)	76(18)	-	-	-
45.	Rural Development	169(18)	1(0)	39(6)	15(4)	-	2(0)	110(8)	2(0)	-	-
46.	Science and Technology	38(3)	1(0)	14(1)	5(0)	-	1(0)	17(2)	-	-	-

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			Starred	Unstarred							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
47.	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	117(18)	3(0)	32(8)	5(1)	-	1(0)	73(9)	3(0)	-	-
48.	Social Justice and Empowerment	165(35)	8(3)	53(14)	23(4)	-	16(2)	65(12)	-	2	4
49.	Space	18(1)	-	8(1)	-	-	-	10(0)	-	-	-
50.	Statistics and Programme Implementation	13(1)	-	6(0)	1(0)	-	3(1)	3(0)	-	-	-
51.	Steel	38(12)	-	10(3)	1(0)	-	4(4)	23(5)	-	-	-
52.	Textiles	120(19)	3(0)	26(6)	23(8)	-	10(0)	54(2)	4(3)	2	7
53.	Tourism	108(21)	1(1)	44(9)	7(0)	-	13(6)	40(3)	3(2)	-	-
54.	Tribal Affairs	110(15)	6(2)	34(7)	7(0)	-	6(1)	56(5)	1(0)	1	3
55.	Women and Child Development	207(26)	8(2)	62(12)	6(0)	-	11(2)	118(10)	2(0)	1	3
56.	Youth Affairs and Sports	90(30)	1(0)	47(15)	10(4)	-	8(4)	23(7)	1(0)	-	-
TOTAL :		8033(1262)	253(61)	2713(514)	648(118)	21(9)	833(134)	3491(401)	74(25)	51	118

## 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 Supple- mentaries asked
			Starred	Unstarred	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Organic farming	4	10	-
		Impementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana	-	12	-
		Production of agricultural crops	2	11	4
2.	Chemicals and Fertilizers	Demand and supply of fertilizers	1	11	-
3.	Civil Aviation	UDAN Scheme	-	10	-
4.	Commerce and Industry	Import/Export	2	17	-
5.	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Implementation of One Nation One Ration Card scheme	1	12	-
		Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana	1	9	-
		Public Distribution System	1	10	5
6.	Communication	BSNL/MTNL	-	14	-
		BHARATNET	-	13	-
7.	Defence	Investment for procurement of indigenously manufactured defence equipment	-	14	-
8.	Education	COVID-19	3	22	-
		Online classes	1	25	-

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
9.	Electronics and Information Technology	Social Media/Twitter	1	19	-
10.	External Affairs	COVID-19	2	11	-
11.	Finance	GST collection	-	24	-
		Tax collection	5	16	-
12.	Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	Dairy sector	-	11	-
		Development of fishing sector	-	11	-
13.	Health and Family Welfare	COVID-19 related	12	80	9
14.	Jal Shakti	Increasing water pollution in river	-	12	-
		Potable water supply through tap	-	11	-
15.	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	Allocation of funds to MSMEs	-	19	-
16.	Minority Affairs	Formula to accord minority status	-	17	-
17.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	Price rise of petroleum products	2	13	-
18.	Railways	Railway projects	6	23	1
		Train services	1	12	3
19.	Rural Development	MGNREGA	-	12	-
20.	Women and Child Development	Anganwadi	3	11	-

## STATEMENT-VI

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

Copies of 253 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.	A strong need of post-COVID research, given the rising cases of post-COVID complications	Dr. Fauzia Khan	Health and Family Welfare	Lapsed	-
Admitted: Nil   Disallowed : Nil   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
1.	Great Indian Bustard	Shri Shaktisinh Gohil	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Lapsed	-
Admitted: Nil Disallowed : Nil Returned : Nil Withdrawn : 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.	02.08.2021	Shri Ajay Bhatt, , Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence and Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism	Unstarred Question 654	26.07.2021	Privatisation of Defence Establishments
2.	10.08.2021	Dr. Bhagwat Karad, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance	Unstarred Question 248	20.07.2021	Judgment of Supreme Court and Reversal from NPS to Old Pension Scheme

## 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.....	19
2.	The number of sittings on which the Question Hour was dispensed with.....	1 (on 11 <sup>th</sup> August, 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.....	5 (on 19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> July and 4 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021)
5.	The number of sittings cancelled.....	2 (on 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> August, 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.....	1411
8.	The number of Members from whom notices were received.....	140
9.	The maximum number of times any Member's name appeared in the ballot of Starred Questions.....	9 times (each of Dr. Banda Prakash, Shri Anil Desai, Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar, Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad, Shri Vaiko, Shri Binoy Viswam, and Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav)
10.	The number of Starred Questions answered orally .....	51
11.	The number of Starred Questions on which Supplementaries were put.....	39
12.	The number of Supplementary Questions put.....	118

13. The number of Questions to which written replies were laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha..... 2915
14. The maximum number of notices received from any one Member..... 194 (from Shri Sujeet Kumar)
15. Maximum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member..... 43 (against Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati)
16. Minimum number of Questions, both Starred and Unstarred, admitted and listed against a Member..... 1 (each against Shri Nabam Rebia, Shri Gopal Narayan Singh, Shri Venkataramana Rao Mopidevi and Shri K. Vanlalvena)
17. The maximum number of Supplementary Questions put by any one Member..... 10 (by Dr. Amar Patnaik)
18. The maximum number of Supplementaries asked by any one Member on any one day..... 3 (each by Dr. Amar Patnaik and Shri Sushil Kumar Modi on 28.07.2021 and Dr. C.M. Ramesh on 10.08.2021)
19. The days on which there were less than 15 Questions in a Starred list..... 2 (14 Questions each on 26<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2021)
20. The days on which there were less than 160 Questions in an Unstarred list..... 3 (157 Questions on 26<sup>th</sup> July and 158 Questions each on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2021)
21. The maximum number of Questions orally answered on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day..... 15 (on 28.07.2021)

22.	The minimum number of Questions orally answered on which Supplementary Questions were asked on any one day.....	2 (each on 30.07.2021 and 06.08.2021)
23.	The maximum number of notices received on any one day after the issue of Bulletin for commencement of the Session.....	689 (on 05.07.2021)
24.	The maximum number of Questions orally answered on any one subject.....	5 (on COVID-19 vaccine production and vaccination)
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.....	660 (to Minister of Health and Family Welfare)
27.	The maximum number of admitted Questions addressed to any one Minister.....	239 (to Minister of Health and Family Welfare)
28.	The maximum number of Questions orally answered by any one Minister.....	6 (each by Minister of Education and Minister of Health and Family Welfare)
29.	The maximum number of Supplementary Questions answered by any one Minister.....	15 ( 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.....	422.79
32.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting...	3.0
33.	Average number of Questions orally answered per sitting (only for those sittings when Questions were orally answered).....	4.64
34.	Average number of Supplementary Questions asked per sitting.....	6.94

35. Average number of Supplementary Questions on each Question answered orally ..... 2.31
36. Average time taken on each Question orally answered..... 4.39 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..... 253
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..... 17 pages (for SQ-35 answered on 22.07.2021)
40. Total number of statements made/laid by Ministers correcting replies given by them to Questions in the Rajya Sabha..... 2
41. Notices of Private Member Question given by any Member 1 (by Shri Rajmani Patel)  
Status : Disallowed.

## 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