

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*313
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY - 21/03/2025

CASES ELIGIBLE FOR LOK ADALATS

*313.SHRI SELVAM G:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Lok Adalats held in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last five years and the total number of cases disposed of during this period;
- (b) the number of pending cases eligible for resolution through Lok Adalats in various States across the country;
- (c) whether Lok Adalats have been effective in reducing the burden on regular courts and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has evaluated the effectiveness of Lok Adalats in reducing case pendency and if so, the key findings of such evaluation;
- (e) whether the Government plans to expand the jurisdiction of Lok Adalats to handle more categories of cases, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether the Government has proposed any reforms to improve the efficiency and credibility of Lok Adalats, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW
AND JUSTICE; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS**

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) IN RESPECT OF
LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *313 FOR REPLY ON 21.03.2025
REGARDING “CASES ELIGIBLE FOR LOK ADALATS”**

(a) to (c): Lok Adalat is organised across the country as per the provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 read with National Legal Services Authority (Lok Adalats) Regulations, 2009 for the subject matters as prescribed under the said Act and Regulations in the Courts as defined under Section 2 (1) (aaa) of the said Act. In Lok Adalat, the disputes/cases pending in the court of law or at pre-litigation stage are settled amicably. The Lok Adalat has been given statutory status under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. The award made by Lok Adalat is deemed to be a decree of a civil court and is final and binding on all parties and no appeal lies against the Award before any court.

The State/UT-wise (including Tamil Nadu) and year-wise details of number of Lok Adalats organized, cases received and cases disposed of by National Lok Adalats, State Lok Adalats and Permanent Lok Adalats (Public Utility Services) during the last five years are at **Annexure-A, Annexure-B** and **Annexure-C** respectively.

Lok Adalats reduce case load of courts by resolving substantive number of cases from time to time. The details of the number of cases settled by the Lok Adalats during the last two years and current year (upto December) are as follows:

(i) National Lok Adalat

Year	Pre-litigative cases settled	Pending cases settled	Total cases settled
2022	3,10,15,215	1,09,10,795	4,19,26,010
2023	7,10,32,980	1,43,09,237	8,53,42,217
2024	8,70,19,059	1,75,07,060	10,45,26,119

(ii) State Lok Adalat

Year	Pre-litigative cases settled	Pending cases settled	Total cases settled
2022-23	94,939	7,56,370	8,51,309
2023-24	2,19,230	9,87,873	12,07,103
2024-25	7,68,560	4,39,667	12,08,227

(iii) Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services)

Year	Total cases settled
2022-23	1,71,138
2023-24	2,32,763
2024-25	1,61,277

(d): Lok Adalats are organised under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and NALSA constantly monitor the working of Lok Adalats. Further, the State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs) have been issued guidelines/ directions by NALSA vide National Legal Services Authority (Lok Adalat) Regulations, 2009 to organise more Lok Adalats so that pendency of cases could be reduced. Presently, there is no proposal to evaluate the effectiveness of Lok Adalats in reducing case pendency. However, in order to monitor the performance of the legal services authorities, NALSA receives monthly activity reports from all the SLSAs highlighting all the activities carried out in a particular month. Thereafter, a final activity report on monthly basis is sent by NALSA to the Government which is reviewed and compiled. Apart from monthly activity reports, NALSA also receives Annual Reports from all the SLSAs and prepares its own Annual Report, which is laid before both Houses of the Parliament. Further, All India and Regional Meets are also organized by NALSA to monitor the performance of Legal Services Authorities.

(e): Regulation 10 of the National Legal Services Authority (Lok Adalats) Regulations, 2009 provides for “Reference of cases and matters” to the Lok Adalats. Presently, there is no proposal to amend these regulations.

(f): To improve the efficiency and accessibility of Lok Adalats, E-Lok Adalat was conceptualized during Covid which significantly improved access to justice for people who were otherwise unable to participate in the Lok Adalats. The first E-Lok Adalat was held on 27.06.2020 and since then E-Lok Adalats have been organized in 28 States / UTs, wherein 10.30 crore cases were taken up out of which 1.15 crore cases were disposed of.

Annexure-A**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *313 FOR REPLY ON 21.03.2025 REGARDING CASES ELIGIBLE FOR LOK ADALATS****Statement containing the information of cases received and disposed of (both Pre-litigative and Pending cases) in National Lok Adalats during the last five years viz, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.**

S.No.	Name of the State / UT Authority	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
		Cases received	Cases disposed of	Cases received	Cases disposed of	Cases received	Cases disposed of	Cases received	Cases disposed of	Cases received	Cases disposed of
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	756	248	5844	3997	5555	3310	5933	1536	7594	2976
2	Andhra Pradesh	74182	37896	244508	122839	1026449	647956	982779	671612	497317	262449
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1108	104	5689	1054	7938	1071	6837	990	8028	1771
4	Assam	158013	12188	341969	39642	707744	113989	963744	164445	1079328	179325
5	Bihar	645225	66451	1236850	151620	2594655	305483	2868992	357765	3183423	355600
6	Chandigarh	10261	2569	40301	16833	77646	15569	96578	63764	59511	36743
7	Chhattisgarh	259978	24464	355912	134548	1539971	1125318	2105736	1664237	5141101	4634630
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	7524	1768	1443	172	4343	1323	8456	982	8228	724
	Daman & Diu	282	31	474	113	1959	215	43579	19650	23371	8234
9	Delhi	92182	83006	178033	154992	617852	535025	817332	671278	852367	665892
10	Goa	3030	351	7863	1680	24461	3934	23018	3505	26816	4052
11	Gujarat	184934	41584	1466063	748722	2731581	1185571	3926438	1863177	4410203	2161033
12	Haryana	120660	30298	337011	123413	1100069	673487	1343620	985650	1834082	1376486
13	Himachal Pradesh	12449	5971	88428	35556	255681	111150	368230	150181	365995	182024
14	Jammu & Kashmir	21151	13258	212805	166544	459202	390496	530332	404665	727975	679992
15	Jharkhand	127139	53152	394734	232473	1386756	1121405	3053483	2822947	5375328	5171277

16	Karnataka	652793	334681	2061134	1277856	5167842	3444607	17195581	14840452	15925526	14369064
17	Kerala	86812	15010	182458	68681	395978	136101	285372	57726	311233	59020
18	Ladakh	0	0	1958	1463	1948	1444	2796	1781	3026	2150
19	Lakshadweep	22	8	30	7	318	129	107	41	183	42
20	Madhya Pradesh	1075359	108365	2081030	347333	3125248	419776	3489492	536105	3389490	499888
21	Maharashtra	1578775	215837	9836163	2440375	34223486	4754239	27444014	3543736	58086210	4675264
22	Manipur	339	204	1144	794	1905	1343	636	437	1161	1003
23	Meghalaya	2344	303	4299	852	5318	956	4277	680	4506	915
24	Mizoram	800	218	3991	790	13529	4432	10757	4087	6745	1230
25	Nagaland	327	251	2251	941	3229	888	2566	801	2911	1021
26	Odisha	181974	18329	338879	35557	821017	337065	898167	348288	1323513	758705
27	Puducherry	6868	1738	11640	5084	21110	6405	23240	6297	25497	4331
28	Punjab	131951	32528	345910	138175	824437	392256	1140074	760712	1524941	1161869
29	Rajasthan	526492	103060	1100126	286834	6685251	4572315	19870336	16586071	15188298	12303117
30	Sikkim	30	30	144	110	402	232	263	126	246	129
31	Tamil Nadu	2079165	88819	417845	191604	840700	447536	704748	355762	769962	338520
32	Telangana	60103	47560	372326	349902	1622035	1611677	5634105	5591849	14750839	14693814
33	Tripura	2677	382	6360	1070	30126	4814	50635	15724	79365	42910
34	Uttar Pradesh	2917151	1171022	10685822	5551793	30114718	18698973	47350615	31644594	48137476	38487330
35	Uttarakhand	41700	8088	45636	20882	100809	67438	116672	85032	98566	86813
36	West Bengal	86618	28596	248604	133736	1078663	788082	1445470	1115532	1739032	1315776
	Grand Total	11151174	2548368	32665677	12788037	97619931	41926010	142815010	85342217	184969393	104526119

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Statement containing the information of cases received and disposed of (both Pre-litigative and Pending cases) in the State Lok Adalats and benches constituted during the last five years viz. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 (upto December, 2024).

S.N o.	Name of the State / UT Authority	2020-21			2021-22			2022-23			2023-24			2024-25		
		No. of Benches constituted	Cases received	Cases Disposed of	No. of Benches constituted	Cases received	Cases Disposed of	No. of Benches constituted	Cases received	Cases Disposed of	No. of Benches constituted	Cases received	Cases Disposed of	No. of Benches constituted	Cases received	Cases Disposed of
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	542	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	3585	52229	30461	4874	19558	12123	4999	16380	6720	80	3511	1825	0	0	0
3	Arunachal Pradesh	6	105	25	24	211	91	1	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Assam	6	54	1	136	35117	13672	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Bihar	28	15092	97	1	1260	6	9	576	574	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Chandigarh	26	409	1	69	822	37	30	6536	538	32	5455	1413	0	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	491	10030	3475	187	1511	228	124	1487	139	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Delhi	300	200453	195359	250	149500	147103	60	15773	11094	198	131178	123151	184	149892	142568
10	Goa	8	2284	777	30	1857	3209	43	5094	1308	13	1109	245	8	1969	329
11	Gujarat	2851	41205	21880	5157	50840	15546	3805	95554	19717	12	11311	244	2430	25518	9914
12	Haryana	33774	87166	52789	54762	183542	115797	43135	420041	230018	92	37733	29196	0	0	0
13	Himachal Pradesh	90	6247	3205	260	73822	22031	142	6798	4198	59	2968	2880	41	1542	1507
14	Jammu &	125	13946	9469	24	5191	3271	225	88719	76683	134	31572	28170	242	32853	29115

	Kashmir															
15	Jharkhand	607	82855	79649	1310	25336	22954	1523	15668	10868	1495	39685	33718	1032	1088707	797984
16	Karnataka	1912	250370	121884	412	5221	2524	229	35802	2632	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Kerala	721	17618	4837	302	184575	19226	607	85191	23246	657	108894	26231	576	80102	21526
18	Ladakh	0	0	0	4	43	32	4	294	240	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	32	3	1	2	1	1	4	2
20	Madhya Pradesh	1714	55354	14903	808	17282	4110	1242	14064	5367	1472	60425	48996	868	7873	1937
21	Maharashtra	22	1092	605	6	45	28	30	2954	341	38	6432	580	5	28	1
22	Manipur	1	32	21	0	0	0	4	91	43	0	0	0	13	331	295
23	Meghalaya	0	0	0	23	619	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Mizoram	27	435	147	17	551	204	41	3855	1202	12	273	94	48	1779	524
25	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Odisha	239	26104	4628	12	1770	326	6	135624	112422	3	284068	244230	0	0	0
27	Puducherry	24	1208	392	42	4728	262	47	13781	743	38	10770	492	23	8431	319
28	Punjab	0	0	0	339	6294	1108	6	20	15	154	6133	2268	0	0	0
29	Rajasthan	607	85891	34514	786	17182	845	1202	35255	1628	1086	40751	1039	793	25343	724
30	Sikkim	110	591	158	110	1590	636	150	1513	887	143	1111	784	117	1098	636
31	Tamil Nadu	767	49993	13117	759	76747	13066	1295	119811	16369	1336	196315	34744	452	70051	6041
32	Telangana	1501	27445	24327	2827	9043	7363	2604	32367	25365	2474	177182	171817	1931	78104	59122
33	Tripura	12	15132	6938	93	29317	11624	19	8033	2492	62	39021	25637	35	19798	13080
34	Uttar Pradesh	200	172225	100305	57	65708	31414	30	1768325	259125	172	1020023	411941	225	251198	116107
35	Uttarakhand	121	18482	6166	25	19190	8605	125	56459	26498	102	37193	17407	64	14610	6496
36	West Bengal	575	24812	13853	774	93743	74999	454	17167	10830	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Grand Total	50451	1259401	744073	74480	1082215	532529	62194	3003269	851309	9865	2253115	1207103	9088	1859231	1208227

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Statement containing the information of number of sittings of Permanent Lok Adalats (Public Utility Services), cases received and cases settled in these sittings during the last five years viz. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 (upto December, 2024)

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15	Jharkhand	3554	22018	1943	5144	19530	32514	6216	30114	26154	5826	29779	35715	4243	28194	26504
16	Karnataka	1069	2093	3869	1292	3181	5371	904	7338	4588	603	4709	4190	1017	4338	6269
17	Kerala	336	4166	248	212	5824	1104	226	369	2564	415	262	1527	271	297	407
18	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	455	820	270	886	1510	574	1176	514	608	1071	264	409	683	175	251
21	Maharashtra	541	129	249	918	642	765	1017	1370	1208	1023	779	485	744	710	1050
22	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Odisha	583	1867	1350	742	1270	1561	753	1358	1612	1041	1344	1891	863	1720	1374
27	Puducherry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Punjab	2868	3627	3987	4538	9023	9967	4902	12907	14545	4969	21521	20279	3738	16272	15924
29	Rajasthan	1123	2968	806	2960	4665	3228	4435	4804	5072	4230	5382	5799	3862	4007	3575
30	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Tamil Nadu	236	165	80	671	421	272	1121	597	528	1119	439	427	787	358	339
32	Telangana	66	2498	549	108	8789	6674	118	14101	7540	104	12136	12746	57	7193	9172
33	Tripura	1	20	0	44	118	81	70	165	162	97	152	157	85	176	154
34	Uttar Pradesh	2714	0	383	3961	2974	1087	3720	2637	1173	4476	2713	2516	2794	1410	1348
35	Uttarakhand	156	1145	522	484	3234	765	590	832	510	649	411	432	535	481	456
36	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Grand Total	19777	68981	40458	29153	115396	118136	32487	175758	171138	33020	220724	232763	25148	159577	161277