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Lok Sabha Parliamentary Questions - 1999 to 2019
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Terms and Conditions

This dataset contains information on the Parliamentary Questions raised in the Lok Sabha between 1999 and 2019 (i.e between the 13th and the 16th Lok Sabha). The data has been extracted from the Lok Sabha's official website.

While care has been taken to adequately represent all details of questions, the development of the dataset as well as the portal is to facilitate research through ease of search. In case of any discrepancy, the versions of questions published by the Lok Sabha should be final.

We have provided the documentation process in the following sections which lists the various sources and how they were used to populate the data. Moreover, we have also listed detailed exceptions and comments that we came across while populating and checking the dataset, clarifying the assumptions we have made.

As an attempt to produce a clear and thoroughly checked data, the sheet has undergone a number of checks and filters, in order to minimize the number of errors as possible. However, if you do detect any discrepancies in the data, please write to us at tcpd-contact@ashoka.edu.in. The codebook will be updated following the incorporation of any additional information.

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Thank you.

TCPD Team

Table 1: Variable names, type, and labels

No.	Variable Name	Variable Type	Variable Label
1	id	numeric	Unique ID provided to each question
2	ls_number	numeric	Lok Sabha Number (from 13 to 16)
3	ministry	string	Ministry which has answered the question
4	question_type	string	Takes the value of 'Starred' (Questions with Oral Answers) or 'Unstarred' (Questions with Written Answers)
5	question_text	string	Text of the question as reported on Lok Sabha's official website
6	answer_text	string	Text of the answer as reported on Lok Sabha's official website
7	member	string	Name(s) of the member(s) raising the question. This variable has been cleaned such that values under this variable involve all the names of members who have asked the question, separated by a comma.
9	state	string	State(s) of the member(s) raising the question. This variable has been cleaned such that values under this variable involve all the states of members who have asked the question, separated by a comma.
10	constituency	string	Constituency(ies) of the member(s) raising the question. This variable has been cleaned such that values under this variable involve all the constituencies of members who have asked the question, separated by a comma.
11	constituency_type	string	Constituency Type(s) of the member(s) raising the question. This variable has been cleaned such that values under this variable involve all the constituency types of members who have asked the question, separated by a comma (Categories are GEN, SC, ST).
	party	string	Party of the member(s) raising the question. This variable has been cleaned such that values under this variable

			involve all the parties of members who have asked the question, separated by a comma as a list
12	gender	string	Gender(s) of the member(s) raising the question. This variable has been cleaned such that values under this variable involve all the genders of members who have asked the question, separated by a comma (Categories are Male or Female)
13	subject	string	Subject of the question as provided by the Lok Sabha secretariat on the Lok Sabha's official website
14	date	date	Date on which the question was raised in the Lok Sabha
15	link	string	Link to the question and answer on the Lok Sabha's official website

Data Sources

1. Archives of the Lok Sabha Parliamentary Questions, from loksabha.nic.in
2. Member information derived from the member bio-profiles on loksabha.nic.in and Statistical Reports published by the Election Commission of India

Documentation Process

For the data between 1999 and 2019, the data source was the official website of the Cabinet Secretariat.

1. Scrape the Questions put up on Lok Sabha's website
2. Add Member's information for each question by linking each member name against question with his/her corresponding data derived from TCPD-Indian Elections Dataset
3. In case corresponding information is not found for any member, the Lok Sabha bio-profiles are used to obtain the required information