

Questions

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Questions

📄 Members' right

📄 To elicit information on matters of public importance

📄 From the ministers concerned



Types of Questions

Three types

- 📌 Starred question
- 📌 Unstarred question
- 📌 Short notice question



Starred Question

- 📄 A written set of answers to the original questions submitted to the House
- 🗨️ Oral answer from the Minister in the House
- 📄 Distinguished with an * (asterisk) mark
- 🗨️ Answer to such questions followed by supplementary Questions by Members



Unstarred Question

- 📄 Only written answer from the Minister
- 📄 Deemed to be laid on the Table of the House by Minister
- 📄 Not called for oral answer in the House
- 📄 No Supplementary Question



Notice of Questions

- 📅 Not less than 15 clear days required
- 📅 Notice can be given from the day following the day on which summons are issued
- 📅 Notice addressed to Secretary General of Rajya Sabha / Lok Sabha



Ballot of Questions

- 📁 Ballot held of all notices received in Rajya Sabha / Lok Sabha Secretariat received up to 1000 hrs 15 days before the respective date of answer
- 📁 To determine *inter-se* priority
- 📁 Separate ballot for Starred and Unstarred Questions
- 📁 Starred / Unstarred Questions numbered separately as per the priority gained



Short Notice Question

- 📁 On a matter of public importance
- 📁 2 conditions of admissibility:
 - Subject matter to be urgent
 - Minister to agree to answer it
- 📁 For oral answer
- 📁 At a notice of less than 15 days prescribed in ordinary course



Admissibility of Questions

- ❏ Not clearly & precisely expressed and are too general & incapable of specific answer
- ❏ Arguments, inferences or defamatory statements or otherwise referring to the character & conduct of any person, except in official or public capacity
- ❏ Seeking expression of opinion or solution of an abstract legal question / hypothetical proposition



Admissibility of Questions...

- 📄 In substance repetitions of those answered previously or in regard to which information is available in accessible documents or in ordinary works of reference
- 📄 The subject matter pending before any Court of Law or under consideration before a Parliamentary Committee



Admissibility of Questions...

- ❏ Discourteous references to foreign countries with whom India has friendly relations
- ❏ Policy matters too large to be dealt with within the limits of answer to question
- ❏ Seeking information that are secret in nature (composition of Cabinet Committee, Cabinet discussions, Advice to President, etc)
- ❏ If ordinarily exceed 150 words



Admissibility of Questions...

- 📄 A matter of day-to-day administration or which tend to further the interest of an individual or a few individuals
- 📄 Petitions & memoranda received by Ministers that are not of public importance
- 📄 Subject matters that are primarily within the jurisdiction of Chief Election Commissioner, C&AG, Courts and other functionaries



Admissibility of Questions...

- ❏ Questions that tend to encourage fissiparous & divisive tendencies and weaken the unity & integrity of the country
- ❏ Subject that relate to a matter within the jurisdiction of the Speaker
- ❏ Detailed information of statistical nature concerning local interest, staff matters – admitted as Unstarred Questions



Admissibility of Questions...

- 📄 Questions relating to statutory corporations & limited companies in which Government has financial or controlling interest – admitted only if the matter relate to policy issues or acts of omission & commission
- 📄 Questions relating to State matters, which are not primarily the concern of Government of India



Admissibility of Questions...

📁 Questions about implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes like JRY, PM Rozgar Yojana, etc (information at State level) are admitted [block/district-level information are primarily the responsibility of State Governments



Number of Notices received & Questions admitted

Lok Sabha	Number of Notices received	Number of Questions admitted
10th	3,30,325	90,695 (27.45%)
11 th	98,863	23,681 (24.44%)
12th	72,934	15,579 (21.36%)
13 th	3,13,157	77,982 (25.00%)
14 th	3,11,728	66,677 (21.38%)

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