

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1066  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022**

**COMPLIANCE OF DIRECTION OF THE SUPREME COURT**

**1066. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:**

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

- (a) the details of the number of District Courts and High Courts which have complied with the direction of the Supreme Court for bringing down pendency to nil for cases pending for ten years or more and cases pending for five years or more on or before 31st December, 2021, State-wise;**
- (b) whether any court in NCT of Delhi and State of Uttar Pradesh has complied with the said direction of the Supreme Court;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof, Court-wise; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE**

**(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

(a) to (d): Pursuant to the Joint Conference of the Chief Ministers of the States and Chief Justices of the High Courts in 2015 where it was resolved that all High Courts would constitute an Arrears Committee, the then Minister of Law and Justice had written to the Chief Justices of the High Courts requesting them to appraise the Government of the steps being taken by them to address the issue of pendency especially regarding cases pending for more than 5 years. As per the available information, all 25 High Courts have established Arrears Committees. At

District level, the District Judge holds monthly meetings of all judicial officers to monitor progress made in reduction of long pending cases.

Progress made by the High Courts in reducing pendency was taken up for consideration again in the Conference of Chief Justices of High Courts held in April 2016. Based on the reports submitted by the Arrears Committee of various High Courts, it was, inter-alia, resolved that (i) all the High Courts shall assign top most priority for disposal of cases which are pending for more than five years; (ii) High Courts where cases are pending for more than five years shall facilitate their disposal in mission mode; (iii) High Court shall progressively thereafter set a target of disposing of cases for more than four years; (iv) while prioritizing the disposal of cases pending in the district courts for more than five years, additional incentives for the Judges of the district judiciary could be considered where feasible; and (v) efforts shall be made for strengthening case-flow management rules. It was further resolved that the Chief Justices of the High Courts will set up a Cell / Committee for monitoring the implementation of the resolutions passed in the Chief Justices Conferences and each High Court shall create a mechanism for submitting progress report to the Supreme Court.

Data relating to cases pending for five to ten years and ten years & more in NCT of Delhi, State of Uttar Pradesh, High Court of Delhi and Allahabad High Court is at *Annexure*.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1066 FOR ANSWER ON 10.02.2022 REGARDING COMPLIANCE OF DIRECTION OF THE SUPREME COURT**

<b>NCT of Delhi</b>			
<b>Name of Court</b>		<b>Cases pending 5 to 10 years</b>	<b>Cases pending 10 years and more</b>
<b>High Court of Delhi</b>		<b>19895</b>	<b>13263</b>
<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>District and subordinate courts</b>		
1.	Central	25203	3345
2.	East	8761	847
3.	New Delhi	19591	1483
4.	North	11774	1298
5.	North East	4503	1028
6.	North West	16653	1879
7.	Shahdara	9447	507
8.	South	7409	564
9.	South East	14168	313
10.	South West	8815	677
11.	West	14911	1630
	<b>Total</b>	<b>141235</b>	<b>13571</b>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>			
<b>Name of Court</b>		<b>Cases pending 5 to 10 years</b>	<b>Cases pending 10 years and more</b>
<b>Allahabad High Court</b>		<b>184014</b>	<b>322350</b>
<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>District and subordinate courts</b>		
1	Agra	56571	26199
2	Aligarh	52451	15803
3	Allahabad	85126	86755
4	Ambedkar Nagar	16472	11044
5	Auraiya	15294	11357
6	Azamgarh	37915	30382
7	Baghpat	8598	5983
8	Bahraich	21580	24126
9	Ballia	32843	25933
10	BalramPur	13246	12066
11	Banda	11119	10246
12	Barabanki	24232	19686
13	Bareilly	33365	28345
14	Basti	23243	26989

15	Bhadohi SR Nagar	10202	9356
16	Bijnor	23029	21224
17	Badaun	23835	18752
18	Bulandshahr	43373	20360
19	Chandouli	15301	19293
20	Chitrakoot	4801	1438
21	Deoria	40550	40345
22	Etah	14001	5598
23	Etawah	15048	10610
24	Faizabad	30933	23454
25	Farrukhabad	21789	17303
26	Fatehpur	25072	18367
27	Firozabad	45921	17967
28	Gautam Buddha Nagar	42419	24129
29	Ghaziabad	48340	36853
30	Ghazipur	36206	27605
31	Gonda	31387	35404
32	Gorakhpur	62556	53469
33	Hamirpur	10239	10522
34	Hapur	14309	14712
35	Hardoi	32400	22227
36	Hathras	14864	11402
37	Jalaun	13183	12981
38	Jaunpur	44049	55475
39	Jhansi	24179	15196
40	Jyotiba Phule Nagar	12021	2895
41	Kannauj	11121	9123
42	Kanpur Dehat	24401	17969
43	Kanpur Nagar	111047	47766
44	Kanshi Ram Nagar	11578	3204
45	Kaushambi	15178	12235
46	Kushinagar	36063	47340
47	Lakhimpur	28552	20383
48	Lalitpur	12677	8235
49	Lucknow	110702	51092
50	Maharajganj	22674	19666
51	Mahoba	4579	2150
52	Mainpuri	22733	9693
53	Mathura	20543	13507
54	Mau	23466	23012
55	Meerut	37370	21384
56	Mirzapur	17068	19704
57	Moradabad	25572	18505
58	Muzaffarnagar	36334	30831
59	Pilibhit	17503	13012
60	Pratapgarh	31924	34035

61	Raebareli	36984	23243
62	Rampur	12616	8659
63	Saharanpur	30223	27742
64	Sambhal at Chandausi	12088	6544
65	Santkabir Nagar	17393	6870
66	Shahjahanpur	21897	14263
67	Shamli	3274	2902
68	Shravasti	7285	4017
69	Siddharthnagar	21390	22663
70	Sitapur	40216	41672
71	Sonbhadra	15112	13188
72	Sultanpur	56580	48921
73	Unnao	19989	19072
74	Varanasi	68826	16286
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2117020</b>	<b>1560739</b>

Source:- National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG)