

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1067

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 10th FEBRUARY, 2022

Cases pending in Lok Adalats across the country

1067 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of cases pending and resolved under Lok Adalats in different parts of the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise, especially with respect to the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) the number of functioning Lok Adalats in the country, if so, State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to promote the establishment of more Lok Adalats in the country, the funds allocated and spent during the last three years, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

- (a) to (c) Lok Adalat is an important Alternative Disputes Resolution Mechanism available to common people. It is a forum where the disputes/cases pending in the court of law or at pre-litigation stage are settled/compromised amicably. Under the Legal Services Authorities (LSA) Act, 1987, an award made by a 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 thereto before any court. In order to reduce the pendency of cases in courts and also to settle the disputes at pre-litigation stage, Lok Adalats are organized by Legal Services Institutions at such intervals as it deems fit. Lok Adalat is not a permanent establishment. However, as per Section 19 of the LSA Act, Lok Adalats are organized by Legal Services Institutions as per requirement. National Lok Adalats are organized simultaneously in all Taluks, Districts and High Courts on a pre-fixed date.

In addition, Section 22B of the LSA Act also provides for establishment of Permanent Lok Adalat by every State Authority to deal with cases of public utility services at pre-litigation stage. 357 Permanent Lok Adalats are functioning in various States & UTs. State-wise Permanent Lok Adalats and cases settled is at Annexure-A. State-wise cases settled (both at pre-litigative stage and pending cases) by State Lok Adalats and National Lok Adalats during the last three years is at Annexure B and C respectively.

To facilitate access to justice during COVID times, the Legal Services Authorities have ingeniously integrated technology into conventional methods of justice delivery and moved Lok Adalat to the Virtual Platform on 27.06.2020. From June, 2020 to December, 2021, more than 23.47 lakh cases have been disposed of by these E-Lok Adalats.

Allocation of funds to State/UT State Legal Services Authorities is made for all activities including expenses to be incurred in organization of Lok Adalat and E-Lok Adalat. Separate fund is not allocated for organization of Lok Adalat and E-Lok Adalat. The funds allocated by the Government and utilized by National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) during the last three financial years is as under:

(in Rs crore)

Year	Grant-in-Aid allocated by the Government	Grant-in-Aid utilised by NALSA
2018-19	150	150
2019-20	140	140
2020-21	100	100

Statement as referred to in reply to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1067 for 10.02.2022 raised by Shri Mahesh Poddar - Cases pending in Lok Adalats across the country

A Statement containing the information of cases settled by Permanent Lok Adalats (Public Utility Services) during the last three calendar years viz. 2019 to 2021

S. No	Name of the State Authority	PLAs Functioning as on December, 2021	2019	2020	2021
			Cases settled	Cases settled	Cases settled
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	9	1317	980	1802
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0
4	Assam	13	34	5	42
5	Bihar	9	521	301	207
6	Chhattisgarh	5	67	37	744
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0
8	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0
9	Delhi	3	14376	11854	19806
10	Goa	1	57	0	30
11	Gujarat	4	110	10	2207
12	Haryana	21	37213	16191	21257
13	Himachal Pradesh	4	95	21	17
14	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0
15	Jharkhand	24	8649	3137	24045
16	Karnataka	6	4547	4635	4745
17	Kerala	3	298	310	820
18	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	50	378	264	633
20	Maharashtra	4	2848	610	466
21	Manipur	0	0	0	0
22	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0
23	Mizoram	2	0	0	0
24	Nagaland	0	0	0	0
25	Odisha	22	1424	1434	1622
26	Puducherry	0	0	0	0
27	Punjab	22	6723	3818	9176
28	Rajasthan	35	4095	1411	2929
29	Sikkim	0	0	0	0
30	Tamil Nadu	32	20	52	205
31	Telangana	6	2128	1591	6352
32	Tripura	6	177	31	45
33	Chandigarh	1	514	130	434
34	Uttar Pradesh	71	1007	393	870
35	Uttarakhand	4	282	260	982
36	West Bengal	0	0	0	0
37	Ladakh	0	0	0	0
	Grand Total	357	86880	47475	99436

Note: U.T. of Ladakh Legal Services Authority was constituted in the month of February, 2021.

Statement as referred to in reply to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1067 for 10.02.2022 raised by Shri Mahesh Poddar - Cases pending in Lok Adalats across the country

A Statement containing the disposal of cases settled in State Lok Adalats during the last three calendar years viz. 2019 to 2021.

S.No.	Name of the State Authority	2019		2020		2021	
		Disposal of Pre-litigation cases	Disposal of Pending cases	Disposal of Pre-litigation cases	Disposal of Pending cases	Disposal of Pre-litigation cases	Disposal of Pending cases
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	99	191	84	6	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	2057	10357	783	22994	1693	17088
3	Arunachal Pradesh	74	49	13	12	91	0
4	Assam	741	40631	112	144	1051	12621
5	Bihar	1035	154	211	113	81	22
6	Chhattisgarh	690	3234	1	2436	21	1369
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2	3	0	0	0	0
8	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Delhi	15882	2333	1642	19329	6839	309391
10	Goa	51	32	0	1	112	3874
11	Gujarat	1364	22560	1145	15922	2476	19627
12	Haryana	0	134509	3627	48453	0	92174
13	Himachal Pradesh	0	80117	1814	9557	0	21755
14	Jammu & Kashmir	2191	14402	1208	4720	1605	6859
15	Jharkhand	2562	7393	71009	11257	4411	6040
16	Karnataka	2957	48142	7668	126440	61	3718
17	Kerala	20025	5014	5309	1235	5405	14328
18	Lakshadweep	2	0	0	0	0	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	1088	8049	695	11172	307	7169
20	Maharashtra	1302	6786	2	134	1	511
21	Manipur	0	0	14	7	0	0
22	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	34	55
23	Mizoram	383	119	126	72	112	63
24	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Odisha	29	53615	173	13026	0	326
26	Puducherry	786	180	169	159	144	274
27	Punjab	364	5884	0	396	18	1064
28	Rajasthan	1293	6150	4609	30522	116	1222
29	Sikkim	428	137	211	46	315	135
30	Tamil Nadu	8775	7863	4298	8295	7399	7138
31	Telangana	5651	8071	3655	18787	2648	6802
32	Tripura	723	31653	940	40	681	9217
33	Chandigarh	30	0	7	0	23	0
34	Uttar Pradesh	1889	4710	36	62336	55887	13842
35	Uttarakhand	26	27495	217	3487	0	10707
36	West Bengal	9667	12660	2654	15263	42374	33560
37	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	32
	Grand Total	82166	542493	112432	426361	133905	600983

Note: U.T. of Ladakh Legal Services Authority was Constituted in the month of February, 2021.

Statement as referred to in reply to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1067 for 10.02.2022 raised by Shri Mahesh Poddar - Cases pending in Lok Adalats across the country

Statement containing the information of cases settled in National Lok Adalats during the year viz, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

S.No.	Name of the State Authority	2019		2020		2021	
		Disposal of Pre-litigation Cases	Disposal of Pending Cases	Disposal of Pre-litigation Cases	Disposal of Pending Cases	Disposal of Pre-litigation Cases	Disposal of Pending Cases
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	84	164	318	3679
2	Andhra Pradesh	8224	89191	1504	36392	9243	113596
3	Arunachal Pradesh	399	189	34	70	411	643
4	Assam	16434	5162	9100	3088	24619	15023
5	Bihar	144071	20913	59246	7205	109610	42010
6	Chhattisgarh	20762	36886	5507	18957	58424	76124
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1860	161	1657	111	37	135
8	Daman & Diu	198	51	0	31	9	104
9	Delhi	28065	43312	9095	73911	87265	67727
10	Goa	456	1109	122	229	94	878
11	Gujarat	43469	149681	12882	28702	70424	678298
12	Haryana	40633	62665	12906	17392	26538	96875
13	Himachal Pradesh	10695	14737	3023	2948	18231	17325
14	Jammu & Kashmir	8944	23233	2613	10645	74176	92368
15	Jharkhand	33098	16130	33205	19947	172240	60233
16	Karnataka	32020	249829	20870	313811	90041	1187815
17	Kerala	83528	45201	10959	4051	15512	53169
18	Lakshadweep	1	3	8	0	5	2
19	Madhya Pradesh	157676	76757	78344	30021	247674	99659
20	Maharashtra	334306	94070	161993	53844	2239055	201320
21	Manipur	1917	77	176	28	698	96
22	Meghalaya	409	286	178	125	524	328
23	Mizoram	470	25	179	39	618	172
24	Nagaland	829	144	224	27	892	49
25	Odisha	13394	29803	5447	12882	7925	27632
26	Puducherry	872	3322	163	1575	117	4967
27	Punjab	20307	68709	5524	27004	16779	121396
28	Rajasthan	49890	169208	23378	79682	74089	212745
29	Sikkim	115	50	21	9	63	47
30	Tamil Nadu	29909	310685	7191	81628	12492	179112
31	Telangana	56241	54597	21984	25576	76018	273884
32	Tripura	3112	242	225	157	806	264
33	Chandigarh	907	10281	18	2551	107	16726
34	Uttarakhand	9113	16945	2792	5296	4188	16694
35	Uttar Pradesh	1498268	986137	766688	404334	3741597	1810196
36	West Bengal	25891	36999	7595	21001	25106	108630
37	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	267	1196
	Grand Total	2676483	2616790	1264935	1283433	7206212	5581117

Note: U.T. of Ladakh Legal Services Authority was constituted in the month of February, 2021

