

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3314
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 05TH AUGUST, 2022**

SPECIAL COURTS FOR CHEQUE BOUNCE CASES

**3314. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:**

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

- (a) whether the Supreme Court has suggested the Government to set up 25 special courts to resolve 33 lakh cheque bounce cases and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;**
- (b) whether a pilot project has also been started in some States in this regard; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (c): In the Writ Petition SMW(Criminal) 2/2020 initiated *suo motu*, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has considered the delay occurring in the disposal of cases under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (hereinafter the NI Act). The Hon'ble Supreme Court, pursuant to its Order dated 10.03.2021 had, *inter-alia*, ordered to constitute an Expert Committee to recommend steps to facilitate early disposal of cases under the NI Act. Pursuant to the Committee's submission of its Report to the Hon'ble Court and its suggestion regarding the creation of Special NI Courts, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has, vide its Order dated 19.05.2022, directed that a pilot study shall be conducted for a duration of one year from 01.09.2022 to 31.08.2023, in 25 Special Courts in total in various States of India. The operationlization of the Special Courts is within the remit of the respective High Courts.
