

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 978
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 22ND JULY 2022**

Nyaya Mitras

978. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE :

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of Nyaya Mitras proposed by the Government;
- (b) the details of Nyaya Mitras proposed to be engaged in district courts of Maharashtra;
- (c) whether about 100 Nyaya Mitras have been engaged in various District Courts of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

- (a) Nyaya Mitra aims to facilitate expeditious disposal of 15 years old pending cases in High Courts and Subordinate Courts.
- (b) In Maharashtra, during the year 2019-20, 3 Nyaya Mitras were engaged one each at Mumbai City Civil Court, Aurangabad District Court and Nagpur District Court. Further, during the year 2021-22, one Nyaya Mitra is engaged at Nagpur District Court from April, 2022.
- (c) & (d) Since introduction of Nyaya Mitra programme in 2017, a total of 38 Nyaya Mitras were engaged in various district courts across the country. However no Nyaya Mitra could be engaged during the year 2020-2021 due to closure of courts and social distancing protocols caused by Covid pandemic. For the year 2021-2022, 11 Nyaya Mitras have been engaged in the 11 District Courts in the month of April 2022. State/UT-wise details of engaged Nyaya Mitra is at Annexure-A.

Annexure-A

Statement as referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 978 for answering on 22.07.2022 raised by Shri Rajan Vichare, MP on Nyaya Mitras							
A State-wise Statement containing number of Nyaya Mitra engaged from							
2017-2022							
S.No	State	Year 2017-2018	Year 2018-2019	Year 2019-2020	Year 2020- 2021	Year 2021-2022	Total
1	Assam	-	-	-	NIL*	02	02
2	Bihar	01	-	-		-	01
3	Karnataka	-	-	-		01	01
4	Maharashtra	-	-	03		01	04
5	Odisha			02		02	04
6	Rajasthan	04	03	02		01	10
7	Uttar Pradesh	05	-	01		02	08
8	West Bengal	04	01	01		02	09
	Total	14	04	09		11	38

*No Nyaya Mitra could be engaged during the year 2020-2021 due to closure of courts and social distancing protocols caused by Covid pandemic.