

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

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 586**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2022**

**Judicial Infrastructure**

**586 Shri Raghav Chadha:**

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

- (a) whether a large number of subordinate courts in various States including in the State of Punjab do not have sufficient infrastructure, including suitable court buildings/rooms and residential quarters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise and taluka-wise;
- (c) the amount of funds released under central schemes for providing sufficient infrastructure in subordinate courts in Punjab; and
- (d) the details of constraints being faced by the Government to help State Governments in dealing with infrastructural challenges being faced by lower judiciary and the steps taken to address the same?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The primary responsibility of development of infrastructure facilities for judiciary rests with the State Governments. To augment the resources of the State Governments, the Union Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of Infrastructure Facilities in district and subordinate courts by providing financial assistance to State Governments / UTs in the prescribed fund sharing

pattern. The scheme is being implemented since 1993-94. It covers the construction of court buildings and residential accommodations for judicial officers of district and subordinate judiciary. The scheme has been extended from 2021-22 to 2025-26 with a budgetary outlay of Rs. 9,000 crore including central share of Rs. 5,307 crore. Besides the construction of court halls and residential quarters, the scheme now also covers the construction of lawyers' halls, digital computer rooms and toilet complexes in the district and subordinate courts.

As already stated, the aim of the scheme is to supplement the resources of the State Governments. The project wise allocation is not made under the Scheme. However, under the Scheme a sum of Rs. 9013 cr (including Rs. 571.07 crore for the State of Punjab) has been released since the inception of the scheme in 1993-94. The State-wise availability of judicial infrastructure *vis-à-vis* judicial manpower is at **Annexure-I**.

As per the records made available by the Punjab & Haryana High Court, 589 court halls and 601 residential units are available as on 30.06.2022 against the working strength of 600 Judicial Officers of District and Subordinate Courts. Further, as per Nyaya Vikas II Portal the State Government as on 30.06.2022 is undertaking construction of 72 court halls and 36 residential units.

(d) Release of funds is considered under the scheme after the State Government has fulfilled all the conditions for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) viz has furnished the utilization certificate for the previous grants; submitted a proposal indicating the requirement of funds during a particular financial year; has completed the entire revised Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for release of

funds to the CSS' which includes declaration of Single Nodal Agency, opening of one dedicated account of the SNA for a particular scheme, mapping of such accounts to the PFMS system, transfer of balance outstanding funds of central share and matching state share, if any, alongwith interest thereon to the SNA account, opening of accounts of the implementing agencies, their mapping onto the PFMS portal and fulfillment of all related technical requirements. Since the procedure involves modifications regarding the hierarchy of the fund flow from the State Treasury down to the Implementing Agency(ies), the Department has communicated the procedure contained in original order dated 23.03.2021 and subsequent clarifications issued from time to time, to all the State Governments to carry out the requisite modifications. Besides holding regular review meeting of Central Level Monitoring Committee, a number of trainings have also been conducted by the Department in coordination with the PFMS cell of the Ministry of Finance to the State Governments for the benefit of all the States.

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**SATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA  
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REGARDING JUDICIAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>States &amp; UTs</b>     | <b>Sanctioned Strength</b> | <b>Working Strength</b> | <b>Court Halls Available</b> | <b>Residential Units Available</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1              | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 17                         | 13                      | 17                           | 10                                 |
| 2              | Andhra Pradesh              | 607                        | 484                     | 623                          | 599                                |
| 3              | Arunachal Pradesh           | 41                         | 32                      | 26                           | 27                                 |
| 4              | Assam                       | 484                        | 427                     | 401                          | 355                                |
| 5              | Bihar                       | 1954                       | 1354                    | 1559                         | 1134                               |
| 6              | Chandigarh                  | 30                         | 30                      | 31                           | 30                                 |
| 7              | Chhattisgarh                | 482                        | 440                     | 469                          | 440                                |
| 8              | D & N Haveli                | 3                          | 2                       | 3                            | 3                                  |
| 9              | Daman & Diu                 | 4                          | 4                       | 5                            | 5                                  |
| 10             | Delhi                       | 884                        | 685                     | 597                          | 348                                |
| 11             | Goa                         | 50                         | 40                      | 53                           | 26                                 |
| 12             | Gujarat                     | 1523                       | 1174                    | 1504                         | 1331                               |
| 13             | Haryana                     | 772                        | 472                     | 558                          | 556                                |
| 14             | Himachal Pradesh            | 175                        | 162                     | 168                          | 149                                |
| 15             | Jammu and Kashmir           | 314                        | 236                     | 194                          | 119                                |
| 16             | Jharkhand                   | 675                        | 583                     | 644                          | 578                                |
| 17             | Karnataka                   | 1364                       | 1071                    | 1165                         | 1120                               |
| 18             | Kerala                      | 569                        | 478                     | 534                          | 519                                |
| 19             | Ladakh                      | 17                         | 9                       | 9                            | 6                                  |
| 20             | Lakshadweep                 | 3                          | 3                       | 3                            | 3                                  |
| 21             | Madhya Pradesh              | 2021                       | 1540                    | 1535                         | 1632                               |
| 22             | Maharashtra                 | 2190                       | 1940                    | 2350                         | 2055                               |
| 23             | Manipur                     | 59                         | 42                      | 39                           | 16                                 |
| 24             | Meghalaya                   | 99                         | 51                      | 53                           | 26                                 |
| 25             | Mizoram                     | 65                         | 41                      | 42                           | 37                                 |
| 26             | Nagaland                    | 34                         | 24                      | 30                           | 39                                 |
| 27             | Odisha                      | 977                        | 777                     | 811                          | 694                                |
| 28             | Puducherry                  | 26                         | 11                      | 36                           | 29                                 |
| 29             | Punjab                      | 692                        | 600                     | 589                          | 601                                |
| 30             | Rajasthan                   | 1572                       | 1265                    | 1324                         | 1111                               |
| 31             | Sikkim                      | 28                         | 21                      | 20                           | 15                                 |
| 32             | Tamil Nadu                  | 1328                       | 1076                    | 1203                         | 1329                               |
| 33             | Telangana                   | 512                        | 412                     | 514                          | 480                                |
| 34             | Tripura                     | 122                        | 109                     | 82                           | 73                                 |
| 35             | Uttar Pradesh               | 3634                       | 2516                    | 2730                         | 2392                               |
| 36             | Uttarakhand                 | 299                        | 271                     | 236                          | 194                                |
| 37             | West Bengal                 | 997                        | 918                     | 836                          | 421                                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                             | <b>24623</b>               | <b>19313</b>            | <b>20993</b>                 | <b>18502</b>                       |