

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
STATUS OF FAST TRACK COURTS .

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Will the Minister of COALLAW & JUSTICE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that fast track courts were set up to provide speedy justice to people of the country;
- (b) whether 1734 fast track courts are functioning in the country at present;
- (c) the number of such fast track courts out of these whose tenure is ending on 31 March, 2011;
- (d) Government`s policy to extend their tenure and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether it is also a fact that Government has allocated fund for only 1562 fast track courts; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE

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(a) The Fast Track Courts were established for expeditious disposal of long pending Sessions cases and the cases involving undertrial prisoners. Fast Track courts are set-up by the State Governments in consultation with the respective High Courts.

(b) As per the reports received, 1281 Fast Track Courts are functioning in the country.

(c)&(d) Tenure of Fast Track Courts is decided by the State Governments in consultation with the High Courts.

(e)&(f) The Eleventh Finance Commission recommended a scheme for creation of 1734 Fast Track Courts (FTCs) in the country for disposal of long pending Sessions and other cases. A provision of Rs. 502.90 crores was made as `special problem and upgradation grant` for judicial administration for a period of 5 years upto 31.03.2005 out of which a grant of Rs. 426.13 crore was released to the States. The Government accorded its approval for the continuation of 1562 Fast Track Courts that were operational as on 31.3.2005 for a further period of 5 years i.e. up to 31 March, 2010 with a provision of Rs. 509 crores out of which a grant of Rs. 370.82 crore was released to the States upto 31-3-2010. This scheme has been extended for a further period of one year i.e. upto 31.03.2011 and a grant of Rs. 68.15 crore has been released so far during the year 2010-11.