GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

RAJYA SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.2007

ANSWERED ON - 18/03/2025

Cases registered by ED

2007 Shri A. A. Rahim:

Will the Minister of *FINANCE* be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of ED cases registered against MPs and MLAs and local administration members in the last ten years, along with their party, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the number of cases that have led to convictions, acquittals, and those still under investigation, year-wise;
- (c) whether there has been an increase in ED cases filed against opposition leaders in recent years, and if so, the justification for this trend; and
- (d) whether Government has undertaken any reforms to improve the transparency and efficiency of ED investigations, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) The data of ED cases registered against MPs, MLAs & local administrators along with their party, state-wise is not maintained. However, the year-wise details of cases against existing and Ex MPs, MLAs, MLCs and political leaders or anyone affiliated with any political party during the last 10 years is as under:

Cases against MPs, MLAs and Political leaders		
Time period	Total	
01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016	10	
01.04.2016 – 31.03.2017	14	
01.04.2017 - 31.03.2018	07	
01.04.2018 – 31.03.2019	11	
01.04.2019 - 31.03.2020	26	
01.04.2020 - 31.03.2021	27	

Total	193
01.04.2024 - 28.02.2025	13
01.04.2023 - 31.03.2024	27
01.04.2022 - 31.03.2023	32
01.04.2021 - 31.03.2022	26

(b) Out of the above, the number of cases that have led to conviction and acquittal on merit are as under:

Year	Convictions	Acquittal
		on merit
01.04.2015 - 31.03.2016	00	00
01.04.2016 - 31.03.2017	01	00
01.04.2017 - 31.03.2018	00	00
01.04.2018 - 31.03.2019	00	00
01.04.2019 - 31.03.2020	01	00
01.04.2020 - 31.03.2021	00	00
01.04.2021 - 31.03.2022	00	00
01.04.2022 - 31.03.2023	00	00
01.04.2023 - 31.03.2024	00	00
01.04.2024 - 28.02.2025	00	00
Total	02	00

- (c) No such information is maintained.
- (d) The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) is a premier law enforcement agency of the Government of India which has been entrusted with the administration and enforcement of Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA), Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) and Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 (FEOA). ED takes up the cases for investigation based on credible evidence/ material and does not distinguish cases based on political affiliations, religion or otherwise. Further, the actions of ED are always open to judicial review. The agency is accountable to different judicial forums viz. Adjudicating Authority, Appellate Tribunal, Special Courts, Hon'ble High Court and Hon'ble Supreme Court for the actions taken in the course of implementation of the PMLA, 2002; FEMA, 1999 and FEOA, 2018.
