

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 201**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2025**

**VACANCIES IN CONSUMER COURTS**

201. SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of consumer courts in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of vacancies in each court and the time since when they have remained vacant; and
- (c) the steps taken to fill up all the vacant posts in the consumer courts all over the country?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) : The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 provides for a three tier quasi-judicial machinery at District, State and National level commonly known as “Consumer Commissions” for protection of the rights of consumers and to provide simple and speedy redressal of consumer disputes including those related with unfair trade practices. The Consumer Commissions are empowered to give relief of a specific nature and award compensation to consumers, wherever appropriate.

At present, there is one National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission at the national level and thirty five State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions at the state level. The number of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions (State-wise) is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) : At present, there are two vacancies of members in National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. The details of existing vacancies in State and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission are at **Annexure-II**.

(c) : Under the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, it is the responsibility of the State Governments to fill up the vacancies of President and Members in the State Commissions and District Commissions. Further, as per Rule 6(4) of the Consumer Protection (Qualification for appointment, method of recruitment, procedure of appointment, term of office, resignation and removal of the President and members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules, 2020, the process of appointments shall be initiated by the State Government atleast 6 months before the vacancy arises. Also, the Central Government has been continuously taking up with the State Governments/UT Administrations for expeditious filling up of the existing and anticipated vacancies of President and Members of the Consumer Commissions.

As per Section 32 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, if, at any time, there is a vacancy in the office of the President or Member of the District Commission, the State Government may, by notification, direct -

- a) any other District Commission specified in that notification to exercise the jurisdiction in respect of that district also; or
- b) the President or a member of any other District Commission specified in that notification to exercise the powers and discharge the functions of the President or member of that District Commission also.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 201 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2025 REGARDING VACANCIES IN CONSUMER COURTS.**

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<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of State/UT</b>	<b>No. of District Commissions</b>
1.	A&N Island (UT)	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	17
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	25
4.	Assam	23
5.	Bihar	38
6.	Chandigarh (UT)	2
7.	Chhattisgarh	27
8.	D&N Haveli and D&D (UT)	1
9.	Delhi (UT)	10
10.	Goa	2
11.	Gujarat	38
12.	J&K (UT)	10
13.	Kerala	14
14.	Lakshadweep (UT)	1
15.	Haryana	22
16.	Himachal Pradesh	12
17.	Jharkhand	24
18.	Karnataka	33
19.	Madhya Pradesh	48
20.	Maharashtra	40
21.	Manipur	3
22.	Meghalaya	7
23.	Mizoram	11
24.	Nagaland	11
25.	Odisha	30
26.	Puducherry (UT)	1
27.	Punjab	23
28.	Rajasthan	37
29.	Sikkim	6
30.	Tamil Nadu	32
31.	Telangana	12
32.	Tripura	4
33.	Uttarakhand	13
34.	Uttar Pradesh	79
35.	West Bengal	28
<b>Total</b>		<b>685</b>

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 201 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2025 REGARDING VACANCIES IN CONSUMER COURTS.**

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S. No	State	State Commission		District Commission	
		President	Member	President	Member
1	A&N Island (UT)	1	0	0	2
2	Andhra Pradesh	1	2	5	3
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1	2	0	41
4	Assam	0	3	6	18
5	Bihar	0	1	23	41
6	Chandigarh (UT)	0	1	0	1
7	Chhattisgarh	0	3	7	20
8	D&N Haveli and D&D (UT)	1	2	1	1
9	Delhi (UT)	0	1	2	5
10	Goa	1	2	0	0
11	Gujarat	1	3	31	56
12	J&K (UT)	1	1	6	11
13	Kerala	0	2	2	5
14	Ladakh (UT)	1	2	2	3
15	Lakshadweep (UT)	0	0	0	0
16	Haryana	0	0	2	7
17	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	9
18	Jharkhand	1	3	6	13
19	Karnataka	0	7	15	13
20	Madhya Pradesh	0	3	5	34
21	Maharashtra	0	3	12	24
22	Manipur	1	1	0	1
23	Meghalaya	0	2	0	1
24	Mizoram	1	1	0	3
25	Nagaland	0	0	0	10
26	Odisha	1	0	17	44
27	Puducherry (UT)	1	2	0	0
28	Punjab	0	2	5	14
29	Rajasthan	0	0	1	21
30	Sikkim	1	2	0	0
31	Tamilnadu	0	4	4	18
32	Telangana	1	0	3	3
33	Tripura	1	0	0	1
34	Uttarakhand	1	1	9	2
35	Uttar Pradesh	1	1	37	77
36	West Bengal	0	5	17	16
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>518</b>

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