

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE  
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.562**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**Repeal of Obsolete and Archaic Laws**

**562. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:**

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

- (a) whether obsolete and archaic laws are causing impediments in the normal life of a common man and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether more than 1500 obsolete Acts exist in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the government proposes to repeal those Acts during the current calendar year;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the reasons for not fixing any timelines for review of every legislation made by the Parliament to avoid the issue of repealing them?**

**A N S W E R  
MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE  
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

- (a) to (e) :** obsolete and archaic laws lay down unnecessary compliance burden on citizens. Therefore, it has been the resolve of this Government to reduce such compliance burden, bring reforms in the legal system and make it more accessible to the common man.

In line with this resolve, the Government has repealed 1486 obsolete and redundant Central Acts from May, 2014 till date. Besides, 76 Central Acts relating to State subject have also been repealed by the concerned State legislature.

As the laws are reviewed on the basis of feedback received, research, reports generated, survey and audit conducted etc. which is a time-consuming process, it may not be possible to fix timeline for the same.