

HIGHLIGHTS PERTAINING TO QUESTIONS 15th SESSION OF 17thLOK SABHA

The Fifteenth Session of Seventeenth Lok Sabha commenced on 31 January, 2024 and concluded on 10 February, 2024. A total of 6 sittings were fixed for Question Hour during the Session. Following are the highlights of Question Hour pertaining to the Fifteenth Session of Seventeenth Lok Sabha:-

1. **Notices received and examined**– Notices of Starred and Unstarred Questions were received *w.e.f.* 13 January, 2024. A total of 5934 notices (SQ, USQ and SNQ) were examined including split Questions. The maximum number of notices of Questions included for ballot in a day was 1042 for 8 February, 2024.
2. **E-Notices**– During the 15th Session, out 5907 notices received (excluding split and Short Notice Questions) 5625 (95.22 percent) were e-notices. The corresponding percentage of e-notices during 17th Lok Sabha upto 14th Session was 43.77, 59.97, 64.29, 91.28, 90.36, 93.5, 94.6, 95.22, 96.00, 95.65, 95.94 and 96.81 respectively. Relentless efforts that are underway to achieve the goal of e-Parliament and paperless Secretariat have garnered significant achievements in this regard.
3. **Members' Participation**– The participation of Members in terms of total number of Members against whose names questions, both Starred and Unstarred were admitted during the Session was 294. A maximum of 245 names of Members were included for the ballot held for the sitting on 09 February, 2024.
4. **Total number of Starred and Unstarred Questions listed and maximum number of replies given by the Ministries**- A total of 120 Questions were included in the lists of Starred Questions and 1379* in the lists of Unstarred Questions for 6 sittings. The maximum number of Members whose names appeared in the Lists of Questions was 244 for the sitting on 08 February, 2024. The Minister of Health and Family Welfare answered the maximum number of questions to both Starred and Unstarred i.e. 185 followed by the Minister of Women and Child Development, who answered 87 questions.
5. **Total Questions orally answered and supplementaries raised**- A total 39 Starred Questions, on an average of 7 per sitting were orally answered during the Session. The maximum number of Starred questions orally answered in a single day was 08 on 07 February, 2024. A total of 115 supplementary questions, on an average of 2.94 per Starred Question discussed, were asked by Members during the Session. The corresponding figures were 3.03, 2.77, 3.28, 3.1, 1.62, 3.19, 3.02, 2.86, 3.25,

3.03, 2.941 and 3.929 during the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Fourteenth Sessions (Thirteenth Session being Special there was no Question Hour) respectively. Moreover, a total 73 Members raised 115 Supplementary Questions on an average of 1.57 Members per Question. The corresponding average in this regard was 1.16, 1.21, 1.42, 1.37, 1.65, 1.62, 1.11, 1.81, 2.035 and 2.17, 1.66 and 1.43 Members for the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Fourteenth Sessions respectively. In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, there was no Question Hour during the Fourth Session and being Special Session there was no Question Hour during Thirteenth Session.
