


PARLIAMENT Section and RTI Cell

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Parliament Section

Parliament Section is assigned with the responsibility of handling parliamentary work of the Ministry which includes:-

- Liaison with the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Secretariats of Lok Sabha / Rajya Sabha, other Ministries/Departments
- Coordination of the visits of various Parliamentary Committees to various parts of India
- Monitoring of Parliament Questions
- Monitoring of Parliament Assurances

Parliament Questions

During the year 2015-16, a total number of 1124 Parliament Questions pertaining to various aspects of environment were answered by the Ministry. The details are as under:-

1. Lok Sabha

Type	Budget	Monsoon	Winter	Total
Starred	29	17	15	61
Unstarred	292	150	180	622
Total	321	167	195	683

2. Rajya Sabha

Type	Budget	Monsoon	Winter	Total
Starred	21	12	17	50
Unstarred	165	99	127	391
Total	186	111	144	441

Subject-wise depiction of questions replied by the Ministry in Lok Sabha during 2015-2016 (After classification, the total number of questions in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha increases because of the fact that a single question can be attributed to more than one subject)

Subjects	Budget	Monsoon	Winter	Total
Agriculture	24	14	14	52
Alternative Technologies	17	15	12	44
Biosafety	2	0	2	4
Climate Change and Meteorology	41	16	31	88
Disaster Management	13	3	1	17
Energy Studies	23	17	14	54
Environment and Forest Trade	0	0	13	13
Environmental Conservation	149	84	82	315
Environmental Education, NGOs and Media	69	43	9	121
EIA	58	28	23	109
Forest Conservation	80	54	58	192
Freshwater and Marine Conservation	46	15	24	85
Health and Sanitation	32	14	16	62
Medicinal Plants	0	2	12	14
Pollution	95	62	84	241
Water Management	46	44	22	112
Wildlife Management	95	47	48	190
Total	790	458	465	1713

Subject-wise depiction of questions replied by the MoEF&CC in Rajya Sabha during 2015-2016 (After classification, the total number of questions in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha increases because of the fact that a single question can be attributed to more than one subject)

Subjects	Budget	Monsoon	Winter	Total
Agriculture	10	12	16	38
Alternative Technologies	9	8	11	28
Biosafety	3	0	2	5
Climate Change and Meteorology	17	14	26	57
Disaster Management	5	5	6	16
Energy Studies	14	7	14	35
Environment and Forest Trade	0	0	6	6
Environmental Conservation	90	61	53	204
Environmental Education, NGOs and Media	30	23	6	59
EIA	31	26	21	78
Forest Conservation	48	27	30	105
Freshwater and Marine Conservation	11	11	13	35
Health and Sanitation	18	13	10	41
Medicinal Plants	1	3	5	9
Pollution	57	41	36	134
Water Management	22	18	9	49
Wildlife Management	39	23	33	95
Total	405	292	297	994

ASSURANCES

The details of the pending parliament Assurances are as under:-

Sl. No.	Division	Concerned Officer	Lok Sabha Assurance	Rajya Sabha Assurance	Total
1.	IA	JS (MKS)	36	23	59
2.	IA	JS (GB)	35	10	45
3.	Conservation	IGF (FC)	13	18	31
4.	CS	Adv.(RW)/Adv.(TC)	2	0	2
5.	Climate Change, Green India Mission & DC	JS (RSP)	9	2	11
6.	HSMD	JS (BS)	9	2	11
7	Wildlife	IGF (WL)	4	5	9
8	Animal Welfare	JS (AS)	5	1	6
9	Control of pollution	Adv. (RH)	7	4	11
10	NTCA	IGF (NTCA)	3	4	7
11	RE	Adv. (TC)	6	1	7
12	NRCDD	Adv.(BS)	3	1	4
13	FPD/SU/FP	IGF (EAP)	5	3	8
14	ROHQ	Dir. (ROHQ)	0	2	2
		Total	137	76	213

Parliamentary Standing Committee

Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee of Science and Technology, Environment, Forest and Climate Change is headed by **Smt. Renuka Chowdhury**.

The [committee](#) consists of 31 Members (4 vacant) out of which 10 members are from Rajya Sabha and 21 members are from Lok Sabha.

During the year 2015-16, ten meetings of the committee were held.

The subjects discussed were :-

- Reported Damage to Taj Mahal due to air pollution,
- Demands for Grants,
- Reported Forecast of a Major Earthquake in Uttarakhand,
- The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015,
- Government's position at Climate Change Negotiations in Paris in December 2015' and 'Status of Groundwater Contamination',
- 'Effect of Tobacco curing on Environment',
- Interaction with delegation of Standing Committee on European Affairs of Lower House of French Parliament on preparing for COP 21 and other environment-related issues,
- The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015,
- 'Government's position at Climate Change negotiations in Paris in December 2015' and
- Environmental Pollution in Delhi.

During the year 2016-17, Parliamentary Standing Committee has discussed the following subjects :-

- Management of Elephant Corridors - (on 19-05-2016)
- Recent Forest Fires and its effects on environment, forests, biodiversity and wildlife and remedial/ preventive measures - (on 31-05-2016)
- Impact of Mining on environment - (on 27-06-2016)

Consultative Committee

Consultative Committee of the Ministry is headed by Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

The [Committee](#) consists of 16 Members, out of which 12 Members are from Lok Sabha and 04 Members are from Rajya Sabha.

In addition, the following are ex-officio Members –

- (i) Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- (ii) Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

The Consultative Committee is expected to meet Six times during a year. Three meetings are to be held during the Parliament Sessions and three during inter-session. One of the intra-session meeting during a year can be hosted any where in the country.

Consultative Committee contd.

During the year **2015** **four** meetings of Consultative Committee were held.

The subject matter were as under:-

- Project Elephant, (on 05-01-2015 at Bandipur, Karnataka)
- Climate Change, (on 24-04-2015 at New Delhi)
- 'CAMPA' (Compansatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority), (on 24-04-2015 at New Delhi)
- COP 21. (on 24-04-2015 at New Delhi)

During the year **2016** **Two** meetings have been held on the following subjects -

- Biodiversity in general and wetlands, mangroves and coral reef in particular. (on 01-02-2016 at Sunderbans, West Bengal)
- Project Tiger (on 27-04-2016 at New Delhi)
- The 3rd Meeting of the Consultative Committee (during the year 2016), which was scheduled to be held on **14.07.2016 at Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi has been postponed.**

The subject for the meeting was-

‘Waste Management Regime – Challenges and Implementation’.

RTI Mechanism in MoEF&CC



- ★ JS (RTI) is nodal Officer for *suo motu* Disclosure under RTI Act, 2005.
- ★ RTI Cell/ facilitation centre set up for smooth functioning in disposal of RTI matters.
- ★ RTI Applications/Appeals received both online & offline.

Status of voluntary disclosure of information in public domain



- ★ Action taken for *suo motu* disclosure of information as provided under section 4 (1) (b) of RTI Act, 2005.
- ★ The information includes :
 - (i) Organizational structure, functions and allocation of work.
 - (ii) Powers and duties of officials.
 - (iii) Compendium on channel of submission and level of final disposal.
 - (iv) Details of CPIOs & FAAs under RTI Act.
 - (v) Acts & Rules and Policies related to Environmental Impact Assessment, Forest Conservation, Control of Pollution, Animal Welfare, Wildlife, The National Green Tribunal etc.
 - (vi) Details of Centrally sponsored Schemes/Central Sector Schemes of MoEF&CC in the sectors of Environmental Protection, National Afforestation Programme, Wildlife protection, Hazardous Substance Management, Control of Pollution, Animal Welfare, National Action Plan on Climate Change etc.

Status of voluntary disclosure of information in public domain (Contd.)



- (vii) Details of proposals & clearances given under the various Acts/Rules related to Environment, Forest, Wildlife, Control of pollution, Hazardous substance management etc.
- (viii) Annual Reports of the Ministry.
- (ix) Induction Material containing information on the background of the Ministry, its mandate, aims and objectives.
- (x) Window Material for public interface with regard to implementation of Ministry's policies / schemes / programmes through IFC.
- (xi) Budget allocation and utilization of funds under various schemes/programs of the Ministry.
- (xii) Details of international co-operation activities.
- (xiii) Citizen Charter.
- (xiv) Corruption Mitigation Action plan.



CPIOs and FAAs

- ★ No. of CPIOs - 92
- ★ No. of FAAs - 60
- ★ Apart from above, there are CPIOs & FAAs in the Subordinate/ Attached offices/ Boards/ Authorities under Administrative control of Ministry.

Status of disposal of RTI applications in Ministry during 2015-16



Applications	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	TOTAL
Received	1014	974	903	942	3833
Disposed	380	431	348	202	1361
Disposal Rate (in %)	37.48	44.25	38.54	21.44	35.51



Status of disposal of RTI Appeals in Ministry during 2015-16

Applications	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	TOTAL
Received	94	64	65	55	278
Disposed	61	60	41	42	204
Disposal Rate (in %)	64.89	93.75	63.08	76.36	73.38

★ Appeal is filed only in respect of 7.25% of cases thereby indicating that 92.75% applicants are by and large satisfied with the reply provided by the Ministry.

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