

Activities performed by the ENVIS Centre, WWF-India on behalf of Parliament Section, MoEF FY 2012- 2013

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administered by the Special Secretary (E&F) to the officers & staff to bring about integrity and transparency in all spheres of activities and to work unstintingly for eradication of corruption in all spheres of life.

Parliament

Introduction

The Parliament Division in the Ministry is responsible for co-ordination of all parliament matters related to the Ministry. During the year 2012-13, a total number of 965 Parliament Questions pertaining to various aspects of environment were answered by the Ministry (583 questions in the Lok Sabha, out of which 47 were starred and 536 were un-starred. A total of 382 questions were asked in the Rajya Sabha, out of which 50 were starred and 332 were un-starred). The questions covered a wide range of issues with which the Ministry is concerned, prominent among them being questions related to Pollution, Forest Conservation, Wildlife Management, EIA, Freshwater and Marine Conservation, Environmental Conservation, Environmental Education, NGOs and Media, Climate Change and Meteorology, Energy Studies & Health and Sanitation etc.

The ENVIS Centre at WWF-India, under ENVIS scheme of the Ministry compiles the above mentioned Parliament Questions as replied by MoEF and other Ministries pertaining to various environmental issues. Graphical representation of the Parliament Questions replied by the Ministry during 2012-13 both in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in various Sessions are given in Fig-64 and Fig-65.

	Budget	Monsoon	Winter	Grand Total
Starred	21	8	18	47
	221	127	188	536
Total	242	135	206	583

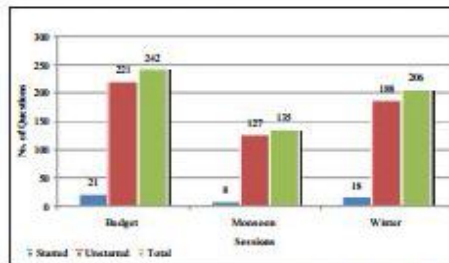


Fig-64. Number of questions replied by the Ministry in all sessions of Lok Sabha during 2012-2013

	Budget	Monsoon	Winter	Grand Total
Starred	17	15	18	50
	166	82	84	332
Total	183	97	102	382

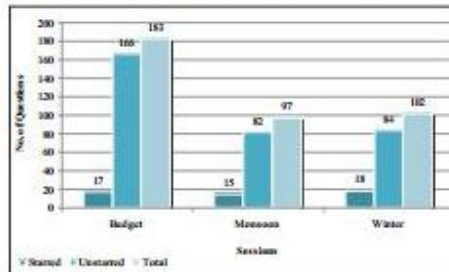


Fig-65. Number of questions replied by the Ministry in all sessions of Rajya Sabha during 2012-13

Every Question/Answer is classified under various sub heads of environment as per the subject list available with the ENVIS Centre, WWF-India. This year subject-wise classified questions in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha sums up at 1075 and 615 respectively. After classification, the total no. of questions in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha rises in comparison to the unclassified data, because of the fact that a single question can be attributed to more than one subject sub-head. Statistical representation depicting the subject-wise coverage of total no. of questions asked in both the houses of Parliament (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) during the year 2012-13 is given in Table-71 and Table-72.

Ministry of Environment & Forests

Table-71. Subject-wise depiction of questions replied by the Ministry in Lok Sabha during 2012-2013

Subjects	Budget	Monsoon	Winter	Grand Total
Agriculture	7	7	12	26
Alternative Technologies	0	4	1	5
Biosafety	2	2	3	7
Climate Change and Meteorology	26	7	13	46
Disaster Management	6	3	5	14
Energy Studies	3	3	6	12
Environment and Forest Trade	18	6	9	33
Environmental Conservation	35	14	38	87
Environmental Education, NGOs and Media	37	13	11	61
EIA	61	20	30	111
Forest Conservation	78	37	43	158
Freshwater and Marine Conservation	50	24	34	108
Health and Sanitation	17	5	8	30
Medicinal Plants	1	2	1	4
Pollution	96	39	68	203
Water Management	14	5	9	28
Wildlife Management	63	40	39	142
Total	514	231	330	1075

Table-72. Subject-wise depiction of questions replied by the Ministry in Rajya Sabha during 2012-2013

Subjects	Budget	Monsoon	Winter	Grand Total
Agriculture	14	1	3	18
Alternative Technologies	4	0	1	5
Biosafety	7	0	2	9
Climate Change and Meteorology	15	7	5	27
Disaster Management	3	1	1	5
Energy Studies	36	2	2	40
Environment and Forest Trade	14	7	0	21
Environmental Conservation	13	12	11	36
Environmental Education, NGOs and Media	14	8	11	33
EIA	16	10	11	37
Forest Conservation	55	44	10	109
Freshwater and Marine Conservation	26	13	17	56
Health and Sanitation	11	4	3	18
Medicinal Plants	0	0	1	1
Pollution	46	29	25	100
Water Management	10	2	4	16
Wildlife Management	38	28	18	84
Total	322	168	125	615

The centre is currently working on the compendium of Environment in the Indian Parliament: An Analysis 2012 in collaboration with Parliament Section, MoEF. The preparation of the Trends & Analysis of the above-mentioned Parliamentary questions replied by the Ministry of Environment & Forests and other Ministries related to Environment is available with the ENVIS Centre at WWF-India. Online accessibility is also there with the Centre's website: <http://www.wwfenvis.nic.in>.

During the year 2012-13, the Consultative Committee of Members of Parliament attached to the Ministry held one meeting related to Tigers and Tiger Conservation. The meetings of the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee of Science and Technology, Environment and Forests of the Members of the Parliament were held four times and deliberated over the demand for grants of 2012-13 and other issues. Three meetings were also held with the Committee on Government Assurances on pending Assurances of the Ministry.

Results-Framework Document (RFD), 2011-12

Introduction

The Prime Minister approved the outline of a "Performance Monitoring and Evaluation System (PMES) for Government Departments" vide PMO I.D. No.1331721/PMO/2009-Pol dated 11.09.2009. Under PMES, each department is required to prepare a Results-Framework Document (RFD).

A RFD provides a summary of the most important results that a department/Ministry expects to achieve during the financial year. This document has two main purposes: (a) move the focus of the department from process-orientation to results-orientation,

and (b) provide an objective and fair basis to evaluate department's overall performance at the end of the year.

The RFD seeks to address three basic questions: (a) What are department's main objectives for the year (b) What actions are proposed to achieve these objectives (c) How would someone know at the end of the year the degree of progress made in implementing these actions i.e., what are the relevant success indicators and their targets.

Vision, Mission, Objectives and Functions of the Ministry as per RFD

Vision:

Conservation of environment and natural resources for the present and future generations in a manner consistent with the aspirations of the country for growth and development.

Mission:

To plan, promote, coordinate and oversee the implementation of environmental and forestry programmes in order to protect the environment and maintain a balance between conservation and development activities

Objectives:

- Increase the forest and tree cover to 33% of the geographical area of the country (*Afforestation and regeneration of degraded Forests*)
- Conservation of the existing forests, wildlife and water resources and survey of various areas for identification of new species (*Protection of Forests, Conservation of rivers, Biodiversity Conservation, Conservation of Wetlands, Wildlife Conservation, Conservation of resources in the eco-sensitive zone, Capacity building, training and research in classical and molecular taxonomy*)