

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3524
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2000
CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN SUPREME COURT
HOLKHOMANG HAOKIP

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Civil as well as criminal cases pending in Supreme Court and the High Courts as on March 31, 2000; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to clear these cases expeditiously in order to help the aggrieved party in dispensation of justice?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b): Various steps have been taken by the Government for the speedy disposal of both civil and criminal cases to help the aggrieved party in dispensation of justice. These include amendment of the Civil Procedure Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure; increase in the number of posts of Judges/Judicial Officers, establishment of Special Courts/tribunals, appointment of Special Judicial/Metropolitan Magistrates and adoption of alternative modes of dispute resolution, such as, arbitration and conciliation. Lok Adalats have been given a statutory base as supplementary forum for resolution of disputes. Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, provides for legal aid to certain economically weaker sections of the society.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3524 DATED 17.04.2000.

STATEMENT OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA AND THE HIGH COURTS.

	CIVIL	CRIMINAL	AS ON	
Supreme Court	16,590	3,674	1.4.2000	
Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	CIVIL	CRIMINAL	AS ON
1	Allahabad	690666	125366	9/99
2	Andhra Pradesh	127047	8518	12/99
3	Bombay	260105	24098	12/99
4	Calcutta	268342	37356	9/99
5	Delhi	152308	18593	6/99
6	Gauhati	33034	5003	12/98
7	Gujarat	105403	16129	12/98
8	Himachal Pradesh	9345	2583	12/99
9	J & K	69917	2034	9/99
10	Karnataka	78128	4359	9/99
11	Kerala	87015	9888	12/99
12	Madhya Pradesh	63121	40699	12/99
13	Madras	323712	33383	9/99
14	Orissa	105242	9306	9/99
15	Patna	66962	15950	9/99
16	Punjab & Haryana	148837	29160	9/99
17	Rajasthan	97720	21778	9/99
18	Sikkim	170	33	9/99
	Total	2687074	404236	

