

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3637

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 08.08.2018

Issues in Judiciary

3637. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

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

- (a) whether four senior judges of the Supreme Court came together to flag some issues in January, if so, the details thereof and the steps that have been taken to address those issues; and
- (b) the number of vacancies in High Courts for the last five years, court-wise?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND CORPORATE
AFFAIRS
(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)

(a): The Government has not received any information from the Judiciary in this regard. However, issues relating to the Judiciary have been highlighted in the media with some related representations. Judiciary being an independent organ under the Indian Constitution is capable of handling its internal matters. The

Government is committed to the independence of Judiciary and does not intervene in its functioning.

(b) : A Statement showing the number of vacant posts of Judges, High Courts wise for the last five years, is annexed.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3637 to be answered on 08.08.2018 regarding 'Issues in Judiciary.

Sl. No.	Name of the High Courts	Vacancies as on 1 st January					Vacancies as on 01.08.2018
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
1	Allahabad	79	80	86	75	52	70
2	Telangana & Andhra Pradesh	13	19	22	38	30	32
3	Bombay	19	08	35	32	24	25
4	Calcutta	11	19	16	34	39	35
5	Chhattisgarh	07	08	13	11	10	06
6	Delhi	07	19	21	22	23	25
7	Gauhati	09	12	08	07	06	07
8	Gujarat	11	12	24	21	21	23
9	Himachal Pradesh	04	06	06	03	05	05
10	Jammu & Kashmir	04	08	07	07	06	09
11	Jharkhand	09	11	11	12	11	08
12	Karnataka	12	27	31	32	37	32
13	Kerala	06	07	03	10	10	12
14	Madhya Pradesh	10	19	23	14	19	19
15	Madras	13	17	38	18	15	12
16	Manipur	02	01	02	02	03	02
17	Meghalaya	0	0	01	01	02	02
18	Orissa	05	07	05	09	10	13
19	Patna	11	11	25	22	20	23
20	Punjab & Haryana	21	29	35	38	35	35
21	Rajasthan	11	20	25	16	16	20
22	Sikkim	01	01	01	01	0	01
23	Tripura	0	0	0	01	02	01
24	Uttarakhand	02	05	05	04	02	03
Total		267	346	443	430	398	420