GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3569 TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 21ST MARCH, 2025

National Litigation Policy

3569. Shri Sudama Prasad:

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

(a) whether the Government intends to introduce the National Litigation Policy (NLP) as part of its judicial reform, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Ministry has conducted any assessment on the issue that the Government litigation contributes to judicial backlog, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of time-bound action plans for implementation of the National Litigation Policy?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN

THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) and (c) A final decision on National Litigation Policy has not yet been made.

(b) The Ministry has not conducted a specific assessment regarding the impact of government litigation on judicial backlog. However, it has developed the Legal Information Management and Briefing System (LIMBS), a web-based portal designed to effectively monitor court cases involving the Union of India. According to data from the LIMBS portal, which is updated by 53 user Ministries/Departments, the number of cases across various Courts/Tribunals in which the Union of India is a party is as follows:

COURT WISE PENDING CASES AS ON MARCH 18, 2025	
Supreme Court	19,442
High Court	2,68,645
Tribunals	2,80,650
Lower Court	1,58,164
Total	7,26,901

Additionally, data from the National Judicial Data Grid indicates that there are over 5 crore pending cases across different Courts/Tribunals in the country. Therefore, government litigation may not be considered a major contributor to the judicial backlog.
