

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3352

TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 5TH AUGUST, 2022

Fee of Government Lawyers

†3352. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

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

- a. whether any criteria have been laid down to duly pay the legal fees to lawyers representing the Central Government/State Governments in the courts and if so, the details thereof along with the proposed rate of legal fees in this regard at present;
- b. the total amount of legal fees paid to lawyers, who represented the Central Government during the last three years and the current year, court and case-wise;
- c. whether in order to amend the existing criteria related to fee of Government lawyers and to represent the cases of all the Ministries/Departments of Centre and States in the courts, the Government proposes to constitute a integrated legal cell; and
- d. if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

- a. The Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Legal Affairs, from time to time, issues necessary instructions with respect to the payment of fees to the advocates/counsels appearing on behalf of UOI before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and other various High Courts. These instructions are available on the website of Department of Legal Affairs i.e. legalaffairs.gov.in. -->Judicial Section--> Circulars pertaining to litigation-->Revision of fee payable to various categories of Central Government Counsel.
- b. The consolidated data of fee paid to lawyers from the budget of the Department who have represented the Central Government in conduct of cases at various courts is as under:-

Financial Year	Total Expenditure
2019-20	Rs. 64,46,62,000/-
2020-21	Rs. 54,14,56,000/-

2021-22	Rs. 52,94,71,000/-
2022-23 (as on 02.08.2022)	Rs. 14,47,07,000/-

However, no data is maintained for the legal expenses incurred by the Central Government, court and case-wise.

- c. No such proposal is under consideration.
- d. Does not arise.
