

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 596
ANSWERED ON 04/12/2025**

Cases pending in tribunals

596. **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) number of pending cases in tribunals in the country;
- (b) the volume of cases pending, tribunal-wise;
- (c) the sanctioned and working strength of Chairpersons/Members and staff in each tribunal;
- (d) the average age of pending cases and monthly disposals rate, tribunal-wise; and
- (e) whether Government has formulated any time-bound plan to reduce the pendency in cases, including the timeline to fill the vacancies?

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) to (c): Details of Tribunal-wise pendency of cases including staff strength in each Tribunal is given as **Annexure**.

(d): In view of the nature and kind of cases, their complexity, stage-wise procedures involved, repeated re-hearings and other operational variables involved for final adjudication of cases being handled by each of the Tribunal such a computation cause significant variation in the overall time frame.

(e) Government has been making all out efforts to adhere to the timelines for filling up of vacancies in Tribunals. Vacancies in various Tribunals occur on account of retirement, resignation, promotion and voluntary retirement etc. and are filled up as per the statutory provisions. Occurring of Vacancies and its filling up of is a continuous ongoing process. To facilitate expeditious disposal of cases in Tribunals, Government is taking all necessary steps as per the Acts under which the Tribunals function and provide for indicating timeline within which appeal should preferably dispose of. Various measures are also undertaken by the Tribunals for speedy disposal of pending cases which include; Filling up of vacancies of

Members on regular basis as soon as posts are vacant on retirement, resignation and completion of terms of tenure, Using technology through hybrid court & of e-court, regular colloquiums for capacity building of members, provisions of infrastructure, etc., Prioritize cases viz. appeals of Senior Citizens, scrutinize and identify cases covered by decisions of High Courts, Supreme Court, Search & Seizure matters, for posting and out of turn hearing, Disposal of cases using Schemes such as Vivad Se Vishwas and Below tax effect appeals, Setting up of Single Bench for expeditious adjudication of cases, Holding Circuit Benches in different States to address the issue of regional disparity, Appeals arising out of same impugned orders or involving the same issues are identified and listed for final disposal at one stroke, Members are sent to other benches on regular basis wherever there is vacancy to dispose cases pending there, Mandatory e-filing of application in in most of the Tribunals and Appellate Tribunals, Hybrid hearing system adopted by most of the Tribunals, and Regular training of Presiding Officers, Members and other officers dealing the matters in respective Tribunals.

Statement referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 596 for reply on 04/12/2025 regarding “Cases pending in tribunals”

SI No.	Tribunals	Chairperson/President		Members		Staff		Pending cases
		Sanctioned	Working	Sanctioned	Working	Sanctioned	Working	
1.	Central Government Industrial Tribunal	-	-	22*	15*	182	116	10644
2.	Income-Tax Appellate Tribunal	1	1	126*	103*	987	680	42502
3.	Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal	-	-	32*	30*	348	265	71454
4.	Appellate Tribunal under the Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of Property)	-	-	4*	4*	34	28	12498
5.	Central Administrative Tribunal	1	1	69	66	1373	1039	69102
	State Administrative Tribunals	4	1	28	18	645	463	28940
6.	Railway Claims Tribunal	-	-	46*	36*	566	395	10570
7.	Securities Appellate Tribunal	1	1	3	2	28	19	1308
8.	Debts Recovery Tribunal	-	-	39*	35*	1151	1015	233901
9.	Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal	-	-	5*	3*			5193
10.	Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal	1	1	2	2	49	37	5979

11.	National Company Law Tribunal	1	1	62	55	320	60	14961
12.	National Company Law Appellate Tribunal	1	1	11	10	111	20	410
13.	National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	1	1	11	08	169	133	1969
14.	Appellate Tribunal for Electricity	1	1	4	4	31	22	2644
15.	Armed Forces Tribunal	-	-	34*	23*	559	371	6904
16.	National Green Tribunal	1	1	20	10	166	126	5301

N.B: (*) Include the Post of President/Vice President/Chairperson/Presiding Officers, as the case may be.