

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 205
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 13th FEBRUARY, 2026

COMPLAINTS AGAINST JUDGES

***205. SHRI MATHESWARAN V S:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of any mechanism used by the Supreme Court to maintain records or database of complaints regarding corruption, sexual misconduct or other serious impropriety received against judges of the High Courts or the Supreme Court;
- (b) if so, the number of such complaints received by the Supreme Court during the last ten years and the action taken thereon, year-wise and if not, the reasons for not maintaining such systematic records despite the existence of the in-house procedure for judicial accountability;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines or take steps to ensure systematic recording, monitoring and accountability of complaints against members of the higher judiciary in the public interest, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any other mechanism apart from CPGRAMS to collect complaints against judges and forward them to the Supreme Court/High Courts, if so, the details thereof?

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 (d):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 205 FOR REPLY ON 13th FEBRUARY, 2026 REGARDING COMPLAINTS AGAINST JUDGES ASKED BY SHRI MATHESWARAN V S.

(a) to (d): Independence of Judiciary is enshrined in the Constitution of India. The complaints received against Judges and Chief Justices of the High Courts are handled by the judiciary through an “in-house mechanism”. The Supreme Court of India, on 7th May, 1997, adopted two Resolutions namely (i) "The Restatement of Values of Judicial Life" which lays down certain judicial standards and principles to be observed and followed by the Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts and (ii) "In-house procedure" for taking suitable remedial measure against Judges who do not follow the universally accepted values of judicial life including those in the Restatement of values of Judicial Life. As per the established “In-house procedure” for the Higher Judiciary, the Chief Justice of India is competent to receive complaints against Judges of the Supreme Court and Chief Justice of the High Courts. Similarly, the Chief Justices of the High Courts are competent to receive complaints against the conduct of High Court Judges. Complaints against members of the Higher Judiciary received vide CPGRAMS or in any other form are forwarded to the Chief Justice of India or Chief Justices of High Courts competent to receive such complaints.

As per the information received from the Supreme Court of India, the complaints received in the office of the Chief Justice of India against sitting Judges during the last ten years, are hereunder:

Year	Number of Complaint received
2016	729
2017	682
2018	717
2019	1037
2020	518
2021	686
2022	1012
2023	977
2024	1170
2025	1102
