

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 111.

TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 15TH DECEMBER, 2017.

Courtrooms for Subordinate Judiciary

111. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of courtrooms available for lower courts in the country is less than the sanctioned strength of judges in the Subordinate Judiciary, if so, the details thereof, and
(b) the appropriate action being taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per information made available by the various High Courts as of November 2017, there were 17,836 court halls / court rooms available for District and Subordinate Courts in the country and 2,824 court halls / court rooms were under construction. Comparing these figures with the working strength of 16,726 judges / judicial officers reported by High Courts, adequate court rooms / court halls are available for the current strength of judicial officers.

(b): The primary responsibility for development of infrastructural facilities for judiciary in the States, including construction of court halls / court rooms, rests with the State Governments. The Central Government augments the resources of the State Governments by providing financial assistance under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for the Development of Infrastructure Facilities for Judiciary. A sum of Rs.6,006 crore has so far been sanctioned to State Governments / UTs under the Scheme since its inception in the year 1993-94, out of which a sum of Rs.2,562 crore has been sanctioned since the year 2014-15, which includes release of Rs.527.90 crore in 2017-18 as on December 13, 2017.
