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Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
Department of Telecommunictions
(Parliament Section)

No.H-11011/2/2013-Parl **Dated: 25th July, 2013**

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub:-Uploading of Procedure for Handling Questions during 229th Session of Rajya Sabha and other Parliamentary Circulars- reg.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a set of copies of the following Office Memorandum(s) Circulars(s) received from Rajya Sabha Secretariat regarding Handling Parliament Question/Parliamentary Matter during the 229th Session of Rajya Sabha.

(i) O.M No. RS/2/5/229/2013-Q, regarding Telephone Numbers of Officers dealing with Parliament Questions in Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

(ii) O.M No. RS.4/2013-T Reg. Laying of papers on the Table of Rajya Sabha – Guidelines.

(iii) O.M. No. RS-5/2013-T Reg. Statement by Minister in the Rajya Sabha – Supply of copies in English and Hindi.

(iv) O.M No. RS./2/2/229/2013-Q dated 22nd July, 2013 regarding Procedure for handling questions during 229th Session of Rajya Sabha.

2. It is therefore requested that the above mentioned O.M(s) may please be uploaded on the Knowledge Management System of e-office,

(Vijay Kumar)
Under Secretary (Parlt.)
Ph: 23036833

Encl: As above

To,

Director(IT)
Department of Telecommunications
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No. RS/2/ 5/229/2013-Q

Dated the 22nd July, 2013

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to state that the Two Hundred and Twenty Ninth Session of Rajya Sabha is scheduled to commence from the 5th August, 2013. The Ministries/Departments of the Government of India are, accordingly, informed that they may contact the following officers in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat in regard to the Questions pertaining to them:

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Ministries/Departments of Government of India are also requested to furnish the telephone numbers of their officers dealing with Parliamentary work to this Secretariat at the earliest.

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To

All Ministries and Departments of Government of India (Cabinet Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office (two spare copies to each Ministry/Department).

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PARLIAMENT HOUSE
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No.RS.4/2013-T

July 22, 2013

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Laying of papers on the Table of Rajya Sabha-Guidelines regarding.

The undersigned is directed to state that it has been observed that Ministries quite often do not adhere to the prescribed time limit of '***three clear working days***' for forwarding the papers to this Secretariat for laying on the Table of the Rajya Sabha during Session, resulting in avoidable delay in preparation of daily List of Business and, consequently, late circulation of copies thereof to Members and the Ministries. It has also been observed that Ministries/Departments do not adhere to the other stipulations laid down in the O.M. like supply of requisite no. of copies of Annual Reports and supporting documents; proforma indicating correct laying provision; improper authentication, etc. Therefore, to ensure smooth laying of papers, the following procedure need to be adhered to:-

(i) The relevant papers should reach Table Office/Committee Section (Subordinate Legislation), as the case may be along with the prescribed proforma (copy enclosed) ***at least three clear working days before the day on which laying thereof is sought by the Ministry/Department concerned.*** For example, for items required to be laid on Monday, the 5th August, 2013, papers should be delivered in the Secretariat latest by **5:00 p.m.** on Tuesday, the 30th July, 2013. ***Thus, the last date for receiving papers for laying for the 229th Session will be Friday, the 23rd August, 2013.***

(ii) Where the number of Reports/Papers/Notifications, etc. pertaining to any Ministry to be laid on the Table during a Session is large, the Ministry may plan out its schedule in advance by staggering paper laying evenly over the whole Session instead of waiting for the last few days of the Session.

(iii) ***The laying provision is very important as it authorises Members of Parliament to move a motion for modification/annulment of the Notifications, etc. Ministries should, therefore, indicate the correct laying provision in the prescribed proforma. In case, the proforma is not correctly filled, the Reports/Papers/Notifications, etc. will not be processed and will be returned to the concerned Ministry.***

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(iv) If, for any particular day, any Ministry has items for laying under different Acts of Parliament or under different laying provisions of the same Act, the items under each laying provision or Act of Parliament (as the case may be) along with the Reports/Papers/Notifications, etc. should be sent **under a separate covering note.** In the case of Notifications, if the number of items, under any particular laying provision or Act, is large, say more than five, the Ministry should, besides the usual proforma, also send a statement giving details in both English and Hindi in the following format:

S.NO.	GSR NO.	DATE	NOTIFICATION NO.	BRIEF SUBJECT

(v) The Reports/Papers/Notifications should be properly authenticated by the Minister concerned and the ***authentication should be done on the Report/Paper/Notification itself and not on loose slips or on glossy cover page where it is likely to get detached/erased.***

(vi) Whenever there is a delay in laying of any Report/Paper/Notification, etc. on the Table of the House, it should be accompanied by a statement (in English and Hindi), duly authenticated by the Minister concerned, giving reasons for the delay in laying that paper.

(vii) Where Hindi version of the Report/Paper/Notification is not being simultaneously laid, a Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons duly authenticated by the Minister may be provided.

(viii) **Twelve (12) copies each of the English and Hindi versions of the Reports/Papers complete in all respects, along with equal no. of copies of Delay Statement, Review statement etc. including one copy each thereof duly authenticated by the Minister concerned along with a forwarding letter/O.M. and the prescribed proforma duly filled in has to be forwarded to Table Office for laying.**

2. All Ministries are accordingly requested to adhere to the above instructions strictly and forward Annual **Reports/Papers to the Table Office, Room No.33, Parliament House and all Gazette Notifications to the Committee Section (Subordinate Legislation), Room No. 529, Parliament House Annexe**, for laying. **One complete set may be endorsed to Committee Section (Papers Laid on the Table), Room No.533, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi** for their information and record.

3. The Ministries are also requested to bring the contents of this Office Memorandum to the notice of all concerned to ensure that the Reports/Papers/Notifications, etc. required to be laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha are henceforth forwarded to this Secretariat with the prescribed proforma correctly filled in and **at least three clear working days before the date** on which they are proposed to be laid. **A chart indicating last date for receiving papers in the Secretariat for each day of sitting of Rajya Sabha is also enclosed (Annexure). The Ministries are requested to adhere to the date schedule strictly and no papers will be entertained if received after last date.**

4. **In case the above requirements are not met, the papers will not be included in the List of Business for the day and will be returned to the Ministry/Department.**

(K. SUBHAKARAN)
JOINT DIRECTOR
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To

(i) All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India/ Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat and Planning Commission

(ii) Parliament Section of all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

ANNEXURE

RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT

Chart showing last date for receiving papers for laying and days of sittings of Rajya Sabha during 229th Session

Date of sitting of Rajya Sabha	Last date for receiving papers in Rajya Sabha Secretariat [Table Office/Committee Section (Subordinate Legislation)]
05.08.2013	30.07.2013
06.08.2013	31.07.2013
07.08.2013	01.08.2013
08.08.2013	02.08.2013
12.08.2013	05.08.2013
13.08.2013	06.08.2013
14.08.2013	07.08.2013
16.08.2013	08.08.2013
19.08.2013	12.08.2013
21.08.2013	14.08.2013
22.08.2013	16.08.2013
23.08.2013	19.08.2013
26.08.2013	20.08.2013
27.08.2013	21.08.2013
29.08.2013	22.08.2013
30.08.2013	23.08.2013

PROFORMA TO BE ATTACHED TO THE G.M. FORWARDING PAPERS TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF RAJYA SABHA

1. Brief purport of the matter the paper/Notification covers:
2. Statutory or other requirement under which the paper is to be laid on the Table: (and not the Statutory Provision under which it has been issued/made).
    (i) in the case of Central Govt. Notification, name of the Act and section which provides for laying should be clearly stated:
    (ii) in the case of State Govt. Notification, the laying provision in the State Act should be reproduced:
3. Whether published in the Gazette, if so,
    (i) G.S.R./S.O./S.R.O. number of Notification published in the Gazette:
    (ii) Date, Part and Section of the Gazette:
4. Whether subject to modification by the House? :
5. Period specified in the principal Act by which it is required to be laid:
6. Whether paper/Notification is being laid within the stipulated time, if not, whether any delay statement has been enclosed?:
7. Whether it has been previously laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha and, if so, on what date?:
8. Whether English and Hindi versions are being laid together? If not, the date on which the English version was laid?:
9. Date on which the paper is proposed o be laid on the Table:

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No.RS.5/2013-T

July 22, 2013

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Statement by Minister in the Rajya Sabha – supply of copies in English and Hindi.

The undersigned is directed to state that as per the established practice in the Rajya Sabha, Members seek clarifications when a Minister makes a Statement in the House on a matter of urgent public importance. Members are, therefore, supplied with copies of the Statement at the time the Minister makes the Statement.

2. The Two Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session of the Rajya Sabha is scheduled to commence from Monday, the 5th August, 2013. All the Ministries/Departments of Government of India, etc., are accordingly requested to ensure that besides the copy of the Statement along with the Notice, **300 copies of the English version and 150 copies of the Hindi version of the Statement proposed to be made, are supplied to this Secretariat (Table Office, Room No.33, Parliament House)** well in advance of the time when the Minister is to make the Statement.

3. *All Ministries/Departments are also requested that in the case of Statements regarding Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Reports of Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees in pursuance of the direction of the Chairman, Rajya Sabha dated 24th September, 2004 in accordance with the provisions of Rule 266 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States which are laid on the Table of the House, besides the authenticated copy (in English and Hindi) along with the Notice,* only *25 copies each in English and in Hindi may be supplied to this Secretariat (Table Office, Room No.33, Parliament House) well in advance of the time when the Minister is to make the Statement.*

4. All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India may also please send along with the forwarding letter, the electronic text of the Statement (in English and Hindi) in a CD.

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To

All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India,
Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat.

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No.RS./2/ 2/229/2013-Q

22nd July, 2013

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Procedure for handling questions during the 229th Session of Rajya Sabha

The undersigned is directed to state that the Two Hundred and Twenty Ninth Session of the Rajya Sabha is scheduled to commence from the 5th August, 2013. In this context, attention of the Ministries/Departments of Government of India is invited to different aspects of handling of questions at their end during the said Session, as enumerated hereunder:

(I) Response to provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred Questions.

1. It has been the experience of the Secretariat in the past that some of the Ministries/Departments do not prefer to respond to the provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred notices of Questions and they react only when they come to know that the Question has been finally listed. In this context, it is clarified that such delayed response to Provisionally Admitted Questions (PAQs) serves no purpose as the Secretariat can do little once the Lists of Questions have been sent to the press for printing. The Secretariat sends PAQs to the Ministries/Departments with a dual objective, first to enable them to initiate action for preparing the reply and, secondly, to enable them to furnish to this Secretariat inputs at least in cases where the Ministry/Department feels that the Question does not merit admission in its name. It is,

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therefore, impressed upon the Ministries/Departments that they should respond to the PAQs promptly so as to enable the Secretariat to take into consideration all the relevant inputs while finalizing the list of Questions.

(II) Circulation of PAQs and Printed Lists of Questions

2. **Ministries/Departments are informed that the circulation/sending of PAQs in hard copy format has been discontinued. From the 223rd Session onwards PAQs are made available in electronic form only through E-mail. All the Ministries/Departments are, accordingly, requested to make necessary arrangements at their end to receive PAQs in electronic form only and take further necessary action thereon.**

3. *The Secretariat has been forwarding from the 217th Session the lists of questions (both Starred and Unstarred) through e-mail also to all the Ministries/Departments of Government of India along with their hard copies. From the 223rd Session of the Rajya Sabha, the printed lists of questions are circulated to concerned Ministries/Departments only i.e. to whom whose questions are listed for that day and not to other Ministries as has been the practice earlier. However, the printed question lists will be available on Rajya Sabha website in real time for perusal.*

(III) Supply of answers to questions.

4. The Ministries/Departments of Government of India are required to ensure that the Secretariat is supplied, **290 legible copies of answers to Starred and Short Notice Questions (in separate sets of 115 for Distribution Branch and 175 for Question Branch) and 175 legible copies of answers to Unstarred Questions (in separate sets of 115 for Distribution Branch and 60 for Question Branch) in English and Hindi for being laid on the Table of the House during the aforesaid Session of the Rajya Sabha. The English and Hindi versions of the answers may be furnished on the obverse and reverse side of the paper or be stitched together.**

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5. **The Ministries/Departments are also required to ensure that all answers are received in the Secretariat by 8.00 p.m. on the previous working day from the day of the answers.**

6. It has been observed that sometimes copies of answers supplied by some of the Ministries/Departments are neither clear nor legible. In view of this, it is requested that:

a) Answers may be prepared using electronic typewriters, inkjet or laser printer only.

b) Copies may be prepared preferably by photocopying rather than cyclostyling or resography.

c) **Underlining should be strictly avoided; necessary italics fonts may be used instead of underlining.**

d) As far as possible, Times New Roman font and font size 12 may be used.

e) In the English version of the answer, the portfolio or the name of the Minister should not further be shown in brackets in Hindi.

f) **When the answer contains tables, grid lines may be shown to clearly identify the rows and columns.**

g) Tables should be prepared separately in Hindi & English. The practice of producing the English as well as Hindi text on the same table by multiple photocopying has often been seen to produce faint and even unreadable copies.

h) The words – 'RAJYA SABHA' 'STARRED (or UNSTARRED) QUESTION' 'ANSWER', 'STATEMENT' and the MAIN SUBJECT should be in capitals, bold and without gaps in-between successive letters in each word. Name(s) of the questioners and name and designation of the Minister etc. may be in capital, but not bold.

i) The end of the answer/statement should be clearly indicated by a line of stars, thus '*****'

A model format of answer is attached **(Annexure-I).**

7. With regard to the Hindi text, realizing the practical difficulties, the above may be followed to the extent possible.

8. It has further been observed that the Ministries/Departments often do not answer each part of the question separately and clearly. In this connection, their attention is drawn to the following directions of Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha issued during the course of examination of a case of breach of privilege arising out of the answer to a Parliament Question:-

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a) *Answers to all questions given in the Rajya Sabha shall be specific and complete and each part of the question or each item of information asked for therein shall be answered separately.*

b) *If, on his attention being drawn to an answer, the Chairman is satisfied that it does not fulfil this condition, he may direct the Minister to give a specific and complete answer to each part of the question.*

9. It is further requested that –

a) the answers may positively be sent to this Secretariat on the working day preceding the date on which the questions are due for answer; and

b) in case, copies of the answers to be supplied are desired to be replaced or some corrections are to be carried out in those copies, necessary intimation in writing to that effect and revised copies of answers should be sent so as to reach the Question Branch, Rajya Sabha Secretariat (Room No.229 and 235), Parliament House Annexe, (Telephone Nos.23034229, 23034266, 23034235, 23034233 and 23034236) ***not later than 6.00 a.m. on the day on which the questions are due for answer.***

10. Sometimes, the Ministry Officials come to the Secretariat without any authority letter for carrying out corrections in the sets of answers on the day these are to be given in the House. It has, therefore, been decided that before allowing the concerned officials to do so, they will have to produce an authority letter to that effect signed at least by the concerned Under Secretary. If correction is of substantial nature, fresh copies of the answers will have to be supplied replacing the earlier ones.

11. **All the Ministries/Departments are therefore requested to ensure that the schedule as detailed above is strictly followed so as to avoid delay in preparing sets of answers to Questions by Secretariat.**

12. The above instructions apply to the paper-copies of the answers only meant for distribution in the House etc.

13. Some instances have come to the notice where it has been found that the answers to Starred Questions are not in consonance with the well established practice, whereby lengthy replies are prepared in the form of a statement which is laid on the Table of the House by the Hon'ble Minister when the turn of the Starred Question arrives during the Question Hour. In this context, kind attention is invited to the Directions of

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Hon'ble Chairman, dated 10 and 16 May, 1985 with reference to answer to questions which are reproduced below:

i. *"..... The Minister will hereafter place the lengthy answer as statement on the Table of the House ....."*

ii. *"It is rule in this House as well as in every Parliament that if the answers are long, it should be placed as a statement on the Table of the House so that the members can read the same before they come. Please follow this rule very carefully hereafter. I know it is not your mistake, but your department's. They should have placed this as a statement on the Table of the House. Please see to it that this is observed in future."*

Similar instructions also find place in the Manual of Parliamentary Procedure in the Government of India. Ministries are requested to ensure that answers to Starred Questions in Rajya Sabha are in consonance with the above directions of Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha.

(IV) Parliament – Questions Answer Publishing System (Rajya Sabha)

14. From the 224th Session, e-mailing of replies to the Parliament Questions by the Ministries has been dispensed with. In its place Parliament-Question Answer (PQA-RS) Publishing System has been introduced for publishing of Parliamentary Question/Answer by the Ministries. Question Branch of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat shall post the Question Number and title thereof included in the List of Questions for each Ministry on the portal and their answers/Annexures and Hindi version shall by uploaded by the respective Parliament Section of the concerned Ministry of the Government of India. The PQA-RS System aims at publishing of replies to the answers to the Parliament Questions on the same day after their reply in the House, thus making them available on the public portal of the Rajya Sabha immediately without any delay.

15. An interactive session was held by the Question Branch, Rajya Sabha Secretariat with the representatives of all the Ministries / Departments of the Government of India wherein the aims and objective of the system were explained and a demo of the system was also shown to them. The login and passwords for operating the system from the Ministries' side were also made available to them. The manual of the PQA-RS System is enclosed for ready reference **(Annexure II)** as well as linked on the website of PQA-RS.

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16. PQA-RS is a web based portal, which can be accessed by the Ministry following web URL (http://pqars.nic.in). Now, it is the responsibility of the Ministry to upload the text of the question and the answer of the Ministry thereto along with annexures and the Hindi version thereof by 12:00 hrs positively on the date of reply. The Ministry is advised to ensure that they should upload the final version of the reply which tallies with the hard copy version sent to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

17. The System allows the uploading of the replies once only. In case of modifications of reply before the question is answered/laid by the Minister, the Ministry should contact the PQA Administrator i.e. Shri Mohd. Akram, Question Branch, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Tel. No. 23035280, email: rsqns@sansad.nic.in

18. In respect of correction after the Question is answered or laid on the Table, such corrections should be made through the statement correcting an Answer to a Question made/laid on the Table by the Minister.

19. The Software for the PQA-RS is designed and developed by NIC under the guidance of Shri N.S. Arneja, Senior Technical Director, Parliament Information Division (arneja@nic.in), Tel: 23034829. Ministries may take-up technical issues either directly with him or with the counterpart NIC official in the Ministry itself for any technical issue.

20. Ministries are welcome to sort out problems in operationalisation of the system with Smt. Vandana Garg, Additional Secretary. Suggestion for improvement are also welcome. Tel No. 23034204, Email: vandana@sansad.nic.in

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ANNEXURE - I

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO
ANSWERED ON

TATKAL MONEY ORDER YOJANA .

40. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government have started/considering to start Tatkal Money Order Yojana through the Department of Post;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Posts has introduced in January, 2006, the Instant Money Order (iMO) as a pilot in 24 post office locations. The iMO is a web based domestic money transfer service between iMO post offices.

(c) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

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(i) The words – "RAJYA SABHA" 'STARRED' (or) 'UNSTARRED QUESTION' 'ANSWER' 'STATEMENT' and the main subject is in capitals bold ad without gaps in between successive letters. Name(s) of the questioners and name and designation of the Minister etc. may be in capitals, but not bold.
(ii) When the answer contains tables grid lines are shown to clearly identity the rows and columns.
(iii) The end of the answer/statement is clearly indicated by a line of stars thus *****

ANNEXURE-II

PARLIAMENT - QUESTION ANSWER PUBLISHING SYSTEM (Rajya Sabha) Ver 1.0

Developed For

RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT
&
All Central Government Ministries/Departments

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS & I.T

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1 ABOUT PQA

Parliament Question is the most important instrument in the hands of Members of Parliament to raise matter of public importance in the house and seek their answers from the concerned Minister. Therefore one hour is specially designated as the Question Hour on each day of the session in both the Houses of Parliament. Question Hour is one of the most significant items of business in parliamentary proceedings and it gives the whole institution of Parliament the great significance it possesses. This Hour has assumed high importance in legislatures because of Government's heavy involvement in matters affecting the day-to-day life of the citizens for which Ministers are collectively and severally answerable to the people. Asking questions is a refined parliamentary device. Questions are asked primarily to elicit information, to ensure accountability, and for exercising a kind of legislative control over executive actions.

Answers to questions have to be precise and accurate. The information given through the answers has a high presumption of authenticity and wrong or inaccurate answers can be construed as an attempt to mislead the House, leading to raising of questions of privilege. If it is later found that the information supplied bona fide is inaccurate or incorrect, the Minister has to make a statement in the House correcting the previous answer in case it is a starred question or lays a statement on the Table of the House in the case it is an unstarred question.

Where Ministers feel that they cannot supply complete and accurate information at the moment, they can and generally ask for time in respect of that portion of the question and assure the House to supply it as soon as it is available. Such assurances are closely monitored by the Committee on Government Assurances.

Starred Questions: These are Questions to which answers are desired to be given orally on the floor of the House during the Question Hour. These are distinguished in the printed lists by asterisks. 20 such questions are listed each day.

Unstarred Questions: These are Questions to which written answers are given by Ministers which are deemed to have been Up to 155 such questions are listed each day in a separate list.

Short Notice Questions: Such questions can be asked orally in the House after the Question Hour or as the first item in the agenda where there is no Question Hour at a notice shorter than that prescribed for Starred and Unstarred Questions. These must relate to a subject-matter considered by the Chairman to be of urgent public importance.

Submission of Answers to Parliamentary Question by Ministries –
Present Procedure

The replies to the Parliament Questions are prepared by the respective Ministry and sent to the Secretariat on the allotted day for laying on the Table of the House. The Ministries are required to submit the Paper copies of the Parliament Questions for laying. Once the Question Hour is over, the Ministries are also required to send the electronic file of the Parliament Question and Answer to the secretariat by email, for further processing and publishing on the website of the Rajya Sabha. Most of the electronic files of the questions and answers are received by the Secretariat on the day of the question, but several ministries send the electronic files several days later, thus there is a delay in publishing of the Parliament Questions and their replies on the website of the Rajya Sabha.