

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3574
ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 24TH MARCH 2026/
[CHAITRA 3, 1948 (SAKA)]

PENDENCY OF CASES AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY IN NCLT AND NCLAT

QUESTION

3574. **DR. SASMIT PATRA:**

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of cases pending before benches of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), including cases under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code during the last five years, bench-wise;
- (b) the sanctioned and actual strength of judicial and technical members in NCLT and NCLAT during this period and whether vacancies have contributed to delays in disposal of cases;
- (c) the number of insolvency cases where the resolution process exceeded the statutory timelines under IBC and the average time taken for resolution or liquidation; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to address issues?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(HARSH MALHOTRA)

- (a) The total number of cases pending before benches of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), including cases under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) during the last five years, bench-wise is at Annexure-I.
- (b) The sanctioned and actual strength of Judicial and Technical Members in NCLT and NCLAT, year-wise, is at Annexure-II. Cases are disposed in the Tribunals as per procedure provided in law and the pendency cannot be attributed to vacancies alone. NCLT and NCLAT are quasi-judicial bodies. There are several reasons for the pendency of cases which, inter-alia includes circumstances and complexity of each case, nature of evidence, number of Interlocutory Applications (IAs), stay by the higher courts, cooperation of stake holders etc.
- (c) Resolution plans were approved in 969 cases under the IBC from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25. Out of these, in 829 cases, the timeline of 330 days was exceeded. The average time taken for resolution and liquidation is given at Annexure-III.
- (d) The Government has been taking continuous steps to augment the capacity and strengthen the institutional framework of the NCLT through improved infrastructure, digital initiatives, and related administrative reforms. These measures aim to ensure that the adjudicatory process remains efficient, well-supported, and responsive to the evolving needs of the IBC framework.

(as referred to in part (a) of the reply to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3574 answered on 24.03.2026)

Cases pending in NCLT:

Bench Name	As on 31.03.2021 - Total cases including IBC cases	As on 31.03.2022 - Total cases including IBC cases	As on 31.03.2023 - Total cases including IBC cases	As on 31.03.2024 - Total cases including IBC cases	As on 31.03.2025 - Total cases including IBC cases
Principal & New Delhi	4,472	3,994	4,012	3,767	2,579
Mumbai	7,262	7,657	7,407	5,977	4,006
Kolkata	1,799	2,111	1,833	1,948	1,920
Chennai	1,623	1,532	1,530	1,509	1,035
Chandigarh	1,054	1,348	1,545	1,451	1,275
Ahmedabad	1,030	1,140	1,314	1,211	809
Hyderabad	1,119	935	990	879	533
Bengaluru	291	458	558	689	637
Allahabad	579	563	663	690	702
Jaipur	477	548	463	450	395
Indore	238	295	360	446	389
Cuttack	295	245	205	212	219
Amaravati	199	209	250	241	186
Kochi	173	218	210	206	190
Guwahati	43	59	84	117	86

Cases pending in NCLAT:

Bench Name	As on 31.03.2021 - Total cases including IBC cases	As on 31.03.2022 - Total cases including IBC cases	As on 31.03.2023 - Total cases including IBC cases	As on 31.03.2024 - Total cases including IBC cases	As on 31.03.2025 - Total cases including IBC cases
New Delhi	1,475	1,459	1,288	1,803	2,630
Chennai	55	686	903	911	888

(as referred to in part (b) of the reply to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3574 answered on 24.03.2026)

Sanctioned and actual strength of Members in NCLT:

Sanctioned Strength of Members (Judicial and Technical) is 62 in NCLT. The actual strength of Members (Judicial and Technical) is as under:

Sr. No.	Year	Members
1.	As on 31.03.2021	29
2.	As on 31.03.2022	41
3.	As on 31.03.2023	42
4.	As on 31.03.2024	53
5.	As on 31.03.2025	59

Sanctioned and actual strength of Members in NCLAT:

Sanctioned Strength of Members (Judicial and Technical) is 11 in NCLAT. The actual strength of Members (Judicial and Technical) is as under:

Sr. No.	Year	Members
1.	As on 31.03.2021	11
2.	As on 31.03.2022	8
3.	As on 31.03.2023	9
4.	As on 31.03.2024	10
5.	As on 31.03.2025	9

(as referred to in part (c) of the reply to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3574 answered on 24.03.2026)

Details regarding average time taken in resolution for past five years

Average time (excluding the time excluded by the AA)	As on March, 2021	As on March, 2022	As on March, 2023	As on March, 2024	As on March, 2025
Number of days from Insolvency Commencement Date to approval of resolution plan by Adjudicating Authority (AA)	408	451	507	562	597

Details regarding average time taken in liquidation for past five years

Average time	As on March, 2021	As on March, 2022	As on March, 2023	As on March, 2024	As on March, 2025
Number of days from Insolvency Commencement Date to order for liquidation by AA	352	414	455	493	508