

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 95
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 24TH JULY, 2026**

JUDICIAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN SUBORDINATE COURTS

***95. DR. K SUDHAKAR:**

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

- (a) the present status of infrastructure in the district, subordinate courts in the States of Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh including the number of court halls, residential units for judicial officers, court complexes available vis-à-vis the sanctioned strength of judges;
- (b) the details of new court halls, residential units, integrated court complexes and other judicial infrastructure projects sanctioned, under construction or completed in these States during the last five years;
- (c) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned, released by the Union Government to Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for District and Subordinate Judiciary during the said period, year-wise and project-wise;
- (d) whether any proposals for additional judicial infrastructure, including digital courtrooms, Advocate halls, record rooms and residential facilities have been received from these States; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen judicial infrastructure in these States to address increasing case pendency and improve access to justice?

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 (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 95 FOR REPLY ON 24/07/2026 REGARDING “JUDICIAL
INFRASTRUCTURE IN SUBORDINATE COURTS”**

(a): The Central Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for the Development of Infrastructure Facilities for the District and Subordinate Courts since 1993-94. The Scheme covers five components, namely Court Halls, Residential Units for Judicial Officers, Lawyers’ Halls, Toilet Complexes and Digital Computer Rooms. As per information provided by the High Courts of Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh, the details of available Court Halls and Residential Units for Judicial Officers in the district and subordinate courts in these States vis-à-vis the sanctioned strength of judges as on 31.05.2026 is as under:

State	Sanctioned Strength	No. of available Court Halls	No. of available Residential Units
Karnataka	1398	1278	1199
Himachal Pradesh	192	180	161

Source : MIS Portal

(b): The details of Court Halls and Residential Units completed under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for the Development of Infrastructure Facilities for District and Subordinate Courts during last five years and presently under construction (as on 31.05.2026) in respect of the States of Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh are as under:

State	No. of Court Halls completed	No. of Residential Units completed	No. of Court Halls under construction	No. of Residential Units under Construction
Karnataka	586	129	218	46
Himachal Pradesh	04	00	36	05

Source : MIS and Nyaya Vikas Portal

(c): The funds released to the States of Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh during last 5 years, year-wise are as under:

(Rs.in crore)

Financial Year	Central Funds released to the State of Karnataka	Central Funds released to the State of Himachal Pradesh
2021-22	27.00	0.00
2022-23	82.01	0.00
2023-24	133.16	6.00
2024-25	73.92	13.62
2025-26	34.09	12.25

(d) & (e): Under the CSS, projects are identified by the States/UTs and High Courts concerned. After receipt of the eligible proposals from the States/UTs, tentative allocation of funds to States/UTs is done and Mother Sanction is issued to States/UTs. The States/UTs can incur expenditure on the identified projects within the limit of Mother Sanction while adhering to the guidelines of CSS. For Financial Year 2026-27, Mother Sanctions of Rs 5.33 crore and 5.195 crore have been issued to the State of Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh respectively.

In respect of the digital infrastructure for courts, comprehensive digital ecosystem has been created under the eCourts Mission Mode Project to support the entire lifecycle of a case from filing to final adjudication. For digitalization of courts, funds amounting to Rs. 151.73 cr. and Rs. 20.66 cr. have been released to the High Court of Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh respectively Under the Phase III of the eCourts Project.
