

## MP Track Key Terms and Sources

**Attendance:** A member is considered as present if he signs the attendance register. If a member was present on a particular day but did not sign the attendance register, he is considered as absent. The data is based on information from the websites of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

**Debates:** Members participate in debates either directly by initiating a debate or by associating with other member's debate. All these instances have been considered as member's participation in debates. The data is based on Bulletin-I and proceedings of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

**Questions:** Number of starred, unstarred and short-notice questions asked by a member in the House are included in the calculation. The data is based on the Question List published by Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

**Private Member's Bills (PMB):** Number of PMBs introduced by a member in the House are included in the computation. The data is based on Bulletin-I of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

**National and state average of questions, debate and PMBs:** Members can ask questions in the House while they are in office. Ministers don't ask questions. Ministers represent the government during debates. Ministers do not introduce PMBs. The Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha also do not ask questions, participate in debates or introduce PMBs. We define 'eligible MPs' as all MPs who are not ministers, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha and Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha.

For each day, when questions were accepted, the total number of questions asked was divided by the total number of eligible MPs. This gives the average number of questions per eligible MP on that particular day. The national average for comparison of any MP's activity is the sum of this daily average for all the days he was in the office. The state average is computed in a similar manner, over all eligible MPs from that state. Similar methodology is used for computing the averages for debates and PMBs.

**National and state average of attendance:** The attendance register is used for providing daily allowance to MPs. This register is not signed by ministers, leaders of opposition, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha and the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha. We calculate the national and state averages by averaging the attendance of all other MPs.