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-An Analysis

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1.1. Children's Voice in Karnataka Legislative Assembly and Council

'Children are Citizens'. All discussions, ideation and planning for programs and projects concerning children should start with this basic idea. Unfortunately, even now in the age of child rights, many consider children as future citizens, tomorrow's citizens and sideline the constitutional rights of children. Although the idea of considering children as future citizens is a laudable idea, which requires a lot of input now, when they are in their childhood, the duty bearers and people's representatives, planners and administrators sideline the fundamental rights of the children and continue to wrongly represent children as future citizens.

It is noteworthy that in recent times, there are a few who understand and address children as citizens with basic rights. The very child population (under 18 years) in India is 39%. In Karnataka it is 34%. And the rural child population is 63%. This calls our attention to understand the situation of rural and urban children specifically from their rights perspective. The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Dept., Government of Karnataka in 2015 has released a list of development indicators specifically with reference to Grama Panchayats of the state. The report has shown that more than half of the Grama Panchayats in Karnataka are below the state average in development. It is noteworthy to observe that most of the development indicators that are taken for this exercise are directly related to children. Along with this the UN SDG 2016-30 also has several development indicators which we are supposed to achieve, that are directly related to child development.

In the last two years, the entire world was plagued by the Corona pandemic. Several reports and case studies have established that the pandemic has directly impacted negatively on children's right to nutrition, health, life, protection and development. It is therefore important to find out what kind of child-centered questions were raised on the floor of both the Houses at Vidhana Soudha.

In addition, the Karnataka State Legislators' Forum for Child Rights (started in 2008), which is a unique platform of child friendly legislators that has been discussing the situation of children very systematically, has not met in the last two years due to various reasons, primarily due to the Corona pandemic and also due to some political developments. With a promising note recently Hon'ble Chairperson of the Legislative Council, Mr. Basavaraja Horatti has initiated the Forum meetings and also has promised to take the discussions to the floor of the house. This will be a significant step towards upholding the rights of children in the state.

We have been analysing the Question Hour of the Karnataka Legislative business from the child rights perspective for the past 15 years and are eager to share the know-how that we have developed with other development groups to apply the same in other fields. That would provide a comprehensive perspective about the state of Karnataka.

We take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the authorities of Vidhana Soudha for uploading both questions and answers of both the houses on the website. This transparency will certainly take the research, advocacy and public education process to the next level. We wish the website to be more people friendly in the coming days.



In this analysis, as in the previous years, we have listed all the legislators, along with constituency, district while grouping them as per the administration division, with the total number of questions they have raised on various issues and culling out specific numbers of questions related to children. Along with this the performance of various political parties and the total number of questions faced by various departments is also given in this analysis. We hope that such an explanation will be useful to the researchers on child rights, advocacy and public education programs that would support in the process of upholding rights of all children.

We take this opportunity to thank all those individuals and groups who are encouraging and supporting the activities of the KCRO. We take this opportunity to specially thank Hon'ble Chairperson of Legislative Council Mr. Basvaraj Horatti, and his office team members; Captain Ganesh Karnik, former member of the Council and Mr. Prosun Sen, Communication and Advocacy specialist of UNICEF Hyderabad for their continuous support.

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1.2. Children and the Legislators

During elections at various levels (Lok Sabha, Vidhana Sabha and Panchayat) in the last many years, several NGO networks have pressurised political parties to make meaningful promises to children in their election manifestos. As an outcome of this, different political parties had made several promises to children in their manifestos. However, what efforts the parties/elected representatives were making to fulfill these promises was not known. After the assembly elections in 2005 in Karnataka, Child Rights Trust (CRT) tried to find out what the political parties were doing to fulfill their promises. We analysed the questions elected representatives had raised about children and children's issues in the legislature in 2005 and the answers given by the then Government in power. This analysis was published in the form of a book and was circulated among the elected representatives, media, administrators and the public. This analysis was the first of its kind in Karnataka. We received a lot of encouraging responses for our effort.

As a result of this, during the 2008, 2013 and 2018 Assembly elections in Karnataka and the 2009, 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the same effort was continued and as a follow up to these, CRT as the Secretariate of Karnataka Child Rights Observatory (KCRO) started analysing the questions that are raised by elected representatives in both Legislative Assembly and Council and their diversity, discussions, resolutions passed, answers given by the government for the questions raised since 2005. The process has continued this period as well.

1.3. Objectives of the Study

- To obtain information on the number of child-centred questions raised in the legislature, the number of questions on child-related issues, the nature and scope of the questions, who is raising these questions and during which hours of the sessions were these questions raised etc.
- To understand whether there is child rights perspective in the questions raised and in the discussions held in the Assembly and Council sessions.
- To develop an advocacy tool to lobby for child rights issues.
- To persuade political parties to fulfill child rights issues-based promises that were incorporated in the manifestos of various political parties.

1.4. Duration of the Analysis

Duration : September 2020 to September 2021

2020-21 Assembly Sessions

Legislative Assembly		Legislative Council	
Duration	Days*	Duration	Days*
September 21-30, 2020	8	September 21-30, 2020	8
December 7-15, 2020	5	December 7-15, 2020	5
January 29 2021 to February 5 2021	6	January 29 2021 to February 5 2021	6
March 4-31, 2021	17	March 4-31, 2021	17
September 13-24, 2021	10	September 13-24, 2021	10
Total	37	Total	37

* Except Holidays



2.1. Legislative Session 2020-21: Analysis

The main objective of this analysis is to look at whether our elected representatives discuss about children in both the houses of the legislature or not. The intention of this initiative is to examine whether the legislators are taking the situation of children into their consideration and making a qualitative change in the lives of children by making an impact on the legislation and policies of the government concerning children. The reason for this is because, children who should be considered as 'citizens today' constitute 39% of the total population of India and 34% of the total population of Karnataka (2011 census).

Some questions we have taken up as basis for this analysis:

- Have the elected representatives taken up children and child related issues for discussion in the legislature?
- Who are the legislators raising the questions? Which issues concerning children are they raising? What is the background and situation of the children on whose questions are raised by these legislators? Which problems of children have the legislators raised?
- What kind of answers is given by the concerned departments for the child-related questions that the legislators are raising?
- Which legislators are raising child-related issues in the legislature?
- Has the child-centered questions been given importance in the legislature? Have they made an impression on the public conscience?
- The questions and issues raised in the legislature concerning children's lives, protection, development and participation – have they made an impact on the policies, legislations, planning, budget etc?

Activities undertaken during the time of analysis

- Meeting officers of both the houses of the legislature, briefing them about the study and collecting various statistics, questions and answers.
- Analysis of the available data.
- Going through all the questions and classifying them.
- Classification of questions department-wise and party-wise.
- Total number of Child-centered questions and party-wise child-centered questions.

The child-centered questions were classified as follows:

- Legislators who raised questions concerning children
- Constituency of the legislator
- Political party of the legislator
- District the legislator represents
- The government departments to which the questions are addressed to.



Member-wise child-centered questions: Members who have shown their concern about children's issues are recognized as 'child friendly legislators' and even if a legislator has asked only one question that has had maximum impact, they are recognized as child friendly legislators.

District-wise: Total number of questions from the district and child-centered questions among that.

Constituency-wise: Total number of questions from the legislator's constituency and child-centered questions among that.

Reaching issues of children to Vidhana Soudha

KCRO is continuously discussing with all those NGOs, individuals and children's groups who are working in the area of child rights to find children's issues and problems from all districts across the state and making sure they reach the elected representatives and are discussed in Assembly and Council. Continuous media scanning through 'Child in News' also facilitate in identifying child centric issues.

Documentation, report writing, publishing the same and providing the content for public dissemination.



2.2. Legislative Assembly and Council Sessions 2020-21

2.2. Total number of questions – Legislative Assembly

During 2020-21, legislative assembly sessions were held on 37 working days. The legislative assembly has 225 members (224 elected and one nominated). One of the most important functions of the assembly, the Question-and-Answer Hours saw 7,491 (available) questions raised in the legislative assembly.

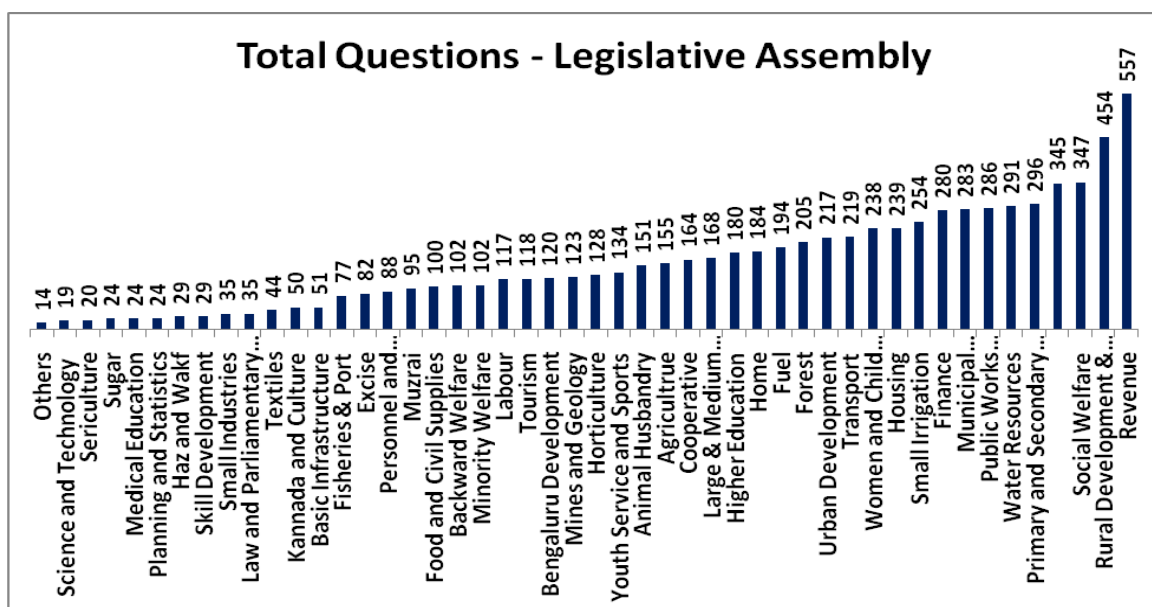
Party-Wise Questions: Legislative Assembly		
Party	Number of Members	Total Questions
BJP	120	2,534
Congress	69	3,056
JDS	32	1,852
Independent	2	31
BSP	1	18
Nominated	1	0
Total	225	7,491

Note: This list is as per 10-03-2021

When we take the questions into consideration party-wise, Congress-I with 69 legislators is in the lead by raising 3,056 questions. This is followed by BJP with its 120 members (out of which more than 30 are ministers) raising 2,534 and JDS with its 32 members raising 1,852 and two independent legislators raising 31 questions.

In this year's legislative assembly, the Revenue Department has faced the maximum number of questions (557 questions), followed by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayath Raj (454 questions) and Social Welfare Department (347 questions) and Primary and Secondary Education Department (345 questions).

Nearly 17 departments have faced less than 100 questions. Departments which have faced less than 10 questions like the Dept of Information and Public Relations (5), Environment and Ecology (6), Sakala (2) and Public Sector Industries (1) are considered as others.





Legislative Council

During 2020-21, the sessions of the legislative council have been held on 37 days. The legislative council has 74 members (out of 75 members, one is the chairperson). One of the most important functions of the council being the Question and Answer Hour, the total number of questions raised against all departments of the government (available) are 5,289.

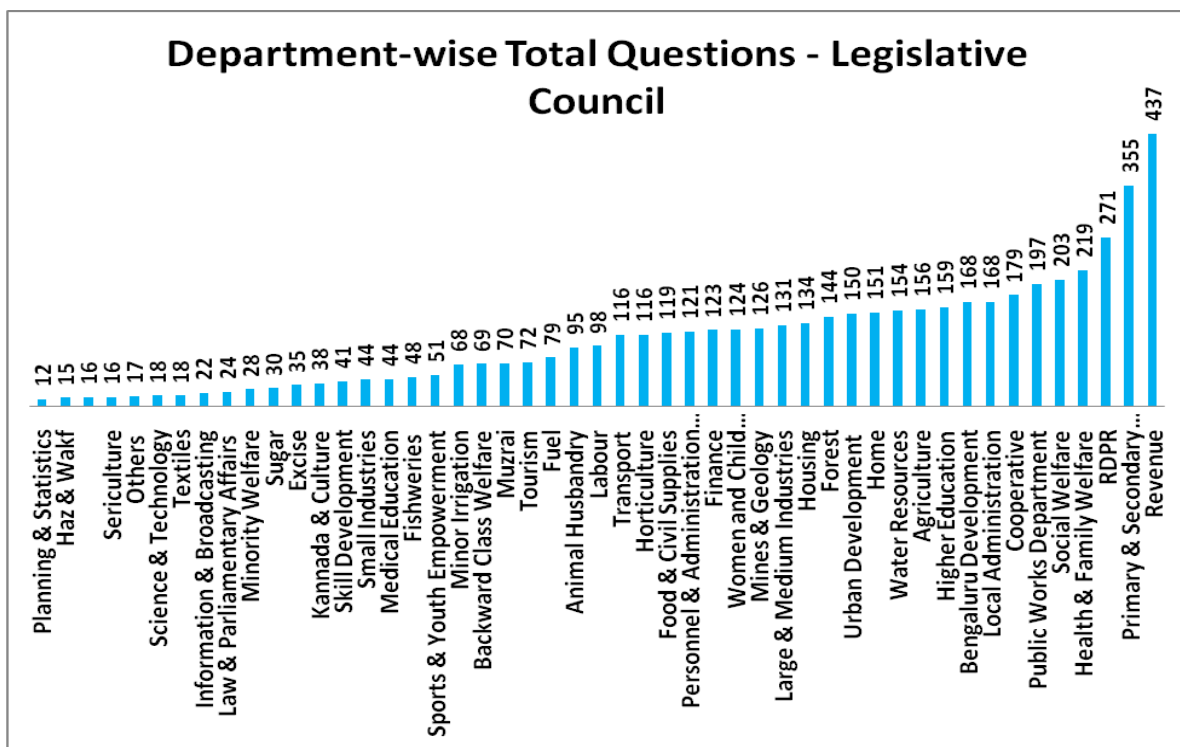
Party-Wise Questions: Legislative Council		
Party	Number of Members	Total Questions
Congress	29	2,610
BJP	32	1,483
JDS	13	1,190
Independent	1	6
Total	75	5.289

Note: This list is as per 10-03-2021

If we look at the questions party-wise, the Congress party with its 29 members have raised 2,610 questions. In the following position BJP with its 32 members raised 1,483 questions (out of which 2 are ministers) 12 JDS members have raised 1,190 questions and 2 independent members raised 6 questions.

If we examine the questions department-wise, in the legislative council also Revenue department has face the maximum number of questions (437). It is followed by Primary and Secondary Education (355) and then Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (217) questions.

While 26 departments have faced less than 100 questions, 17 departments have faced less than 50 questions.





2.3. Child-centred Questions – Legislative Assembly

In the legislative council, the lower house of the legislature, a total of 342 child centred questions were raised. (4.57% of the total questions). Compared to 2019-20 the percentage has decreased. (in 2019-20, child centred questions were 5.4%)

When we look at the questions raised party-wise, the Congress Party is in the first with 166 child centred questions (i.e. 5.43 of the total questions). BJP party members have raised 4.46% child centred questions (133 out of 2,534 questions) and JDS party members have raised 3.35% child centred questions (62 out of 1,852 questions).

Although there is a fall in the percentage of child-centred questions compared to last year, there were several qualitative questions heard during this session. A few that can be illustrated are as follows. Providing facilities including quality food in schools and anganwadis, effect of Corona pandemic on the education of children, guidelines for protection of school children, Mathru Vandana Scheme, facilities in hostels, malnutrition among woman and children, low results in academic performance of children due to shortage of teachers, infant and maternal mortality, hospitals for woman and child, increase in child marriages incidences, Bhagyalaxmi bond, education of children with disability, existence of child labour. .Apart from this some of the questions that were never heard in the previous years are raised during this session.

Child centred questions are:

Questions that uphold the development, survival, protection and participation rights of children are considered as child centred questions.

Questions about primary schools and high schools facing lack of teachers, classrooms, toilets, opening of new schools, sexual abuse of children in schools and the quality of midday meals supplied in schools – all these questions directed at the **Department of Primary and Higher Education;**

Primary Health Centres, Mothers' and children's hospital, Immunization, Infant and maternal mortality and such other related questions put to the **Department of Health.**

Questions on Child Labour Prohibition Act put to the **Department of Labour;**

Questions related to facilities to be provided by the **Department of Social Welfare** in hostels, ashram schools and Morarjee schools.

Questions related to the situation in anganwadis, nutritious food supplied in anganwadis and other facilities, the situation in children's homes addressed to the **Department of Women and Child Development** are considered child-centred questions.

E.g., Separate hospitals for mother and child, effect of corona pandemic on children's education, nutrition, protection issues, schemes for children with disabilities, poor quality of food in schools and anganwadis, quality of education in schools in border areas, improper implementation of RTE Act, Implementation of National Education Policy, devadasi welfare, Karnatka Public Schools, Child labour, Shuchi programme.



Partywise Child Centred Questions during 2020-21 sessions- Legislative Assembly

Party	Total Members	Total Questions	Child Centered Questions	% of the Total
B.J.P.	20	3,056	166	5.43
Congress	69	2,534	113	4.46
J.D.S.	32	1,852	62	3.35
Independent	2	31	1	3.23
B.S.P	1	18	0	0.00
Nominated	1	0	0	0
Total	225	7,491	342	4.57

Child Centred Questions – Legislative Council

Legislative Council sessions heard a total of 5,289 questions, out of which 266 (5.03% of the total) were child centred questions. If we look at the child centred questions party-wise, the Congress legislators have asked 120 child centred questions (4.60% of the total), the BJP legislators have raised 99 child centred questions (6.68% of the total), JDS legislators have raised 47 child centred questions (3.95% of the total) and independent legislators did not raise any child centred questions.

Party	Total Members	Total Questions	Child Centered Questions	% of the Total
Independent	1	6	0	0
B.J.P.	32	1483	99	6.68
J.D.S.	13	1190	47	3.95
Congress	29	2610	120	4.60
Total	75	5289	266	5.03

As in Legislative Assembly, in Legislative Council also a few issues that were never heard in the past have been raised. Some of them are initiation of mobile anganwadis, online learning, educational progress of children, implementation of National Education Policy, out of school children and child labour, child marriage, devasadi system, organising Child Rights Grama Sabha at Grama Panchayats, malnutrition among woman and children etc are some of the qualitative questions that were heard in the council in the current year.



2.4. Sector wise child centred questions – Legislative Assembly

When we look at the child centred questions heard in the Legislative Assembly sector-wise, most number of questions are concerning to children's education (64%). It is followed by Child development about 18%, child health and nutrition 14% and child protection 4%.

Sector-wise child centred questions – Legislative Council

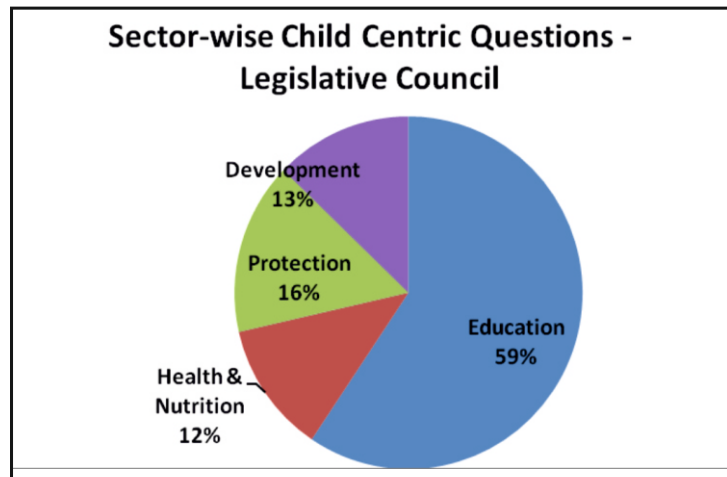
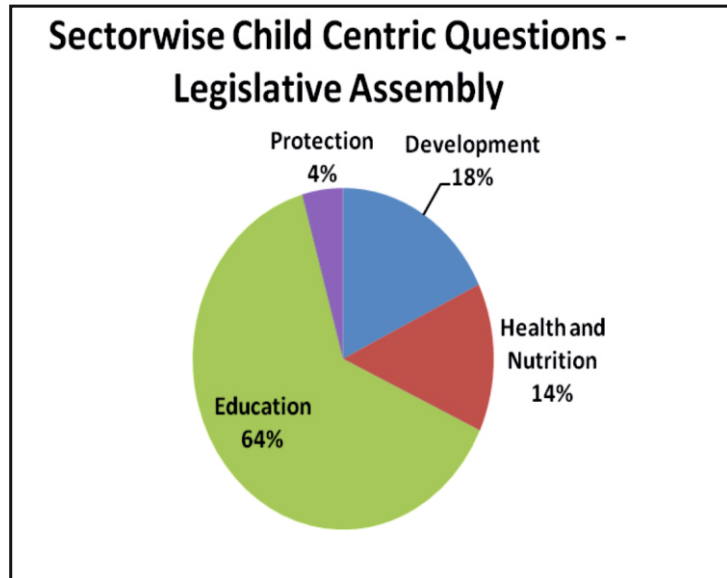
In the legislative Council also of the total number of child centred questions, 59% were on children's education. The rest are 16% on child protection, 13% on child development and 12% on child health and nutrition.

Note:

Education: Questions regarding school closure due to Corona, ill-effects of on-line teaching, school development, quality mid-day meals, teachers' appointment, implementation National Education Policy, distribution of laptops to students, collection of high fees in private schools are the main issues concerning children's education.

Health & Nutrition: Questions concerning maternal health, opening of Mother and Child hospitals, Mathru Vandana Scheme, upgradation of public health centres, providing quality food in school and anganwadis, malnutrition etc are considered as questions relating to child health and nutrition.

Development: Questions regarding the standards and facilities available in anganwadis, Bhagyalakshmi scheme, libraries, playgrounds, Balbhavans, appointment of physical education teachers etc are considered as questions related to child development.





Protection: Questions related to child abuse, child marriages, child labour, missing children, rehabilitation of devadasis, missing woman, safety of woman and children, out of school children, spending of Nirbhaya Fund, sale of drugs and narcotics etc are considered as questions related to child protection.

2.5. District wise Questions : Legislative Assembly

In 2020-21, from the questions raised in the legislative assembly addressed to all the departments of the government and the child centred questions district-wise, we can see several highlights. The maximum number of questions have come from the Belagavi legislators (628 questions), followed by and Bengaluru legislators (564 questions). Lowest questions are from Haveri (8 questions) and Gadag (11 questions) districts.

When we consider child centred questions district-wise, most number of questions have come from Belagavi legislators and Bengaluru urban legislators (each 35 child centric questions)

2.6. Constituency wise Questions: Legislative Assembly

As we delve narrower in our analysis and limit our questions to constituencies the legislators represent, we found that during this period out of 224 legislators representing their constituencies, 130 legislators have raised questions (except ministers).

Out of the 130 legislators who have raised questions, 105 legislators have touched child centered questions. The remaining legislators have raised questions, but not about important issues of children. Probably the NGOs, media and advisors to the legislators may not have done enough work to draw the attention of these legislators to the situation of children and their problems in their constituencies and the state in general.



2.7. District wise total questions and child centered questions - Legislative Assembly

Sl No	Districts	Total Number of Legislators	Total Questions	Child Centered Questions	% of the Total
Belagavi Division					
1	Bagalkote	7	134	10	7.46
2	Belagavi	18	628	35	5.57
3	Vijayapura	8	436	20	4.59
4	Uttara Kannada	6	37	1	2.70
5	Haveri	6	4		0.00
6	Gadag	4	11		0.00
7	Dharwad	7	132	9	0.00
Bengaluru Division					
8	Bengaluru Rural	4	395	12	3.04
9	Shimoga	7	218	13	5.96
10	Chickballapura	5	298	9	3.02
11	Chitradurga	6	95	2	2.11
12	Ramanagara	4	81	2	2.47
13	Kolar	6	170	13	7.65
14	Davanagere	8	43	1	2.33
15	Bengaluru Urban	28	564	35	6.21
16	Tumkur	11	219	13	5.94
Mysore Division					
17	Mandya	221	9	4.07	3.42
18	Mysore	597	21	3.52	6.91
19	Chickmagalur	224	11	4.91	4.52
20	Udupi	269	12	4.46	5.96
21	Hassan	625	25	4.00	3.73
22	Kodagu	88	2	2.27	1.21
23	Chamarajanagar	207	6	2.90	9.09
24	Dakshina Kannada	466	25	5.36	7.99
Kalaburugi Division					
25	Bellary	9	211	8	3.79
26	Bidar	6	252	10	3.97
27	Yadgiri	4	88	4	4.55
28	Raichur	7	260	9	3.46
29	Kalaburugi	9	343	17	4.96
30	Koppal	5	171	8	4.68
	Total	224	7,491	342	4.57



2.8. Constituency wise Questions and Child Centered Questions - Legislative Assembly

SI No	Name of the Legislature	Party	Constituency	District	Total Questions	Child Centered Questions
1	Sri Veeranna Charanthimat	BJP	Bagalakote	Bagalkote		
2	Sri Siddaramaiah	Congress	Badami	Bagalkote		
3	Sri Murugesh Nirani *	BJP	Bilgi	Bagalkote	6	
4	Sri Govinda Karajola *	BJP	Mudhola	Bagalkote		
5	Sri Anand Siddu Nyamagouda	Congress	Jamakhandi	Bagalkote	81	6
6	Sri Doddanagouda Patil	BJP	Hunagunda	Bagalkote	16	1
7	Sri Siddu Savadi	BJP	Teradal	Bagalkote	31	3
8	Sri Anila Benake	BJP	Belagavi North	Belagavi		
9	Smt Lakshmi Hebbalkar	Congress	Belagavi Rural	Belagavi	50	2
10	Sri Abhay Patil	BJP	Belagavi South	Belagavi	61	1
11	Sri Mahantesh Koujalagi	BJP	Bylahongala	Belagavi	109	5
12	Sri Anand Chendrashekar Mamani	BJP	Savadatti Yellamma	Belagavi		
13	Smt Shashikala Jolle *	BJP	Nippani	Belagavi		
14	Sri Satish Jarakiholi	Congress	Yamakanamaradi	Belagavi	30	
15	Sri Ganesh Hukkeri	Congress	Chikkodi-Sadalaga	Belagavi	3	1
16	Sri Balachandra Jarakiholi	BJP	Arabhavi	Belagavi		
17	Sri Mahesh Kumatalli	BJP	Athani	Belagavi		
18	Sri Mahadevappa Yadavada	BJP	Ramadurga	Belagavi	12	
19	Sri Duryodhana Aihole	BJP	Raibhag	Belagavi	86	5
20	Sri Umesh Katti*	BJP	Hukkeri	Belagavi	13	1
21	Sri Rajeev P.	BJP	Kudachi	Belagavi	59	6
22	Sri Srimantha Patil	Congress	Kagawada	Belagavi		
23	Sri Mahantesh Doddagoudru	BJP	Kittur	Belagavi	110	4
24	Smt Anjali Nimbalkar	Congress	Khanapura	Belagavi	75	9
25	Sri Ramesh Jarakiholi	BJP	Gokak	Belagavi		
26	Sri Devananda Chavan	JDS	Nagathana	Vijayapura	112	5
27	Sri Basanagouda Patil Yatnal	BJP	Vijayapura Urban	Vijayapura	54	
28	Sri Shivananda Patil	Congress	Basavanabagewadi	Vijayapura	126	6
29	Sri Patil M.B.	Congress	Bableschwara	Vijayapura	3	
30	Sri Managoli M.C.	JDS	Sindagi	Vijayapura	1	
31	Sri Patil Nadahalli A.S.	BJP	Muddebihala	Vijayapura	5	
32	Sri Yashawantharayagouda Patil	Congress	Indi	Vijayapura	130	8



SI No	Name of the Legislature	Party	Constituency	District	Total Questions	Child Centered Questions
33	Sri Somanagouda Patil	BJP	Devara Hipparagi	Vijayapura	16	1
34	Sri Sunil Naik	BJP	Bhatkala	Uttara Kannada	7	
35	Sri Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri	BJP	Sirsi	Uttara Kannada	Speaker	
36	Sri Shivarama Hebbara*	BJP	Yellapura	Uttara Kannada		
37	Sri Deshapande R.V.	Congress	Haliyala	Uttara Kannada	10	
38	Sri Dinakara Shetty	BJP	Kumta	Uttara Kannada	13	1
39	Sri Roopali Naik	BJP	Karwara	Uttara Kannada	7	
40	Sri Virupakshappa Bellary	BJP	Byadagi	Haveri	4	
41	Sri Patil B.C.*	BJP	Hirekeruru	Haveri		
42	Sri Basavaraja Bommai **	BJP	Shiggavi	Haveri		
43	Sri Arun Kumar Guttur	BJP	Ranebennur	Haveri		
44	Sri Udasi C.M.	BJP	Hanagal	Haveri		
45	Sri Nehru Olekara	BJP	Haveri	Haveri		
46	Sri Patil C.C. *	BJP	Naragunda	Gadag		
47	Sri Ramanna Lamani	BJP	Shirahatti	Gadag		
48	Sri Kalakappa Bandi	BJP	Rona	Gadag		
49	Sri Patil H.K.	Congress	Gadag	Gadag	11	
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51	Sri Jagadeesh Shettar	BJP	H-D Central	Dharwad		
52	Sri Aravinda Bellad	BJP	H-D West	Dharwad		
53	Sri Abbayya Prasad	Congress	H-D East	Dharwad	61	5
54	Sri Nimbannavara C.M.	BJP	Kalaghatagi	Dharwad	29	3
55	Smt. Kusumavathi C. Shivalli	Congress	Kundagola	Dharwad	19	
56	Sri Amrutha Desai	BJP	Dharwad	Dharwad	23	1
57	Sri Srinivasamurthy K	JDS	Nelamangala	Bengaluru Rural	140	6
58	Sri Sharath Kumar Bachchegowda	Independent	Hosakote	Bengaluru Rural	31	1
59	Sri Narayanaswamy L.N.	JDS	Devanahalli	Bengaluru Rural	129	1
60	Sri Venkataramaiah T.	Congress	Doddaballapura	Bengaluru Rural	94	4
61	Sri Sangameshwara B.K.	Congress	Bhadravathi	Shimoga	22	1
62	Sri Harathal Halappa	BJP	Sagara	Shimoga	56	1
63	Sri Kumar Bangarappa	BJP	Soraba	Shimoga	54	6
64	Sri Eshwarappa K.S. *	BJP	Shimoga	Shimoga		
65	Sri Ashok Naik	BJP	Shimoga Rural	Shimoga	74	5



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66	Sri Yediyurappa B.S.**	BJP	Shikaripura	Shimoga		
67	Sri Araga Jnanendra *	BJP	Thirthahalli	Shimoga	12	
68	Sri Subbareddy S.N.	Congress	Bagepalli	Chickballapura	113	5
69	Sri Muniyappa V.	Congress	Shidlaghatta	Chickballapura	49	1
70	Sri Krishanreddy J.K.	JDS	Chintamani	Chickballapura	95	2
71	Dr. Sudhakar K *	BJP	Chickballapura	Chickballapura		
72	Sri Shivashankara Reddy	Congress	Gouribidanur	Chickballapura	44	1
73	Smt Poornima	BJP	Hiriyuru	Chitradurga	1	
74	Sri Sreeramulu B. *	BJP	Molakalmuru	Chitradurga		
75	Sri Thippareddy G.H.	BJP	Chitradurga	Chitradurga		
76	Sri Goolihatti D. Shekhar	BJP	Hosadurga	Chitradurga	50	
77	Sri Chandrappa M.	BJP	Holalkere	Chitradurga	4	
78	Sri Raghumurthy T	Congress	Challakere	Chitradurga	40	2
79	Sri Manjunath A	JDS	Magadi	Ramanagara	65	2
80	Smt Anita Kumaraswamy.	JDS	Ramanagara	Ramanagara	2	
81	Sri Shivakumar D.K.	Congress	Kanakapura	Ramanagara	14	
82	Sri Kumaraswamy H.D.	JDS	Chennapatna	Ramanagara		
83	Sri Narayanaswamy S.N.	Congress	Bangarapet	Kolar	84	7
84	Sri Ramesh Kumar K.R.	Congress	Srinivasapura	Kolar	7	1
85	Sri Nagesh H	Independent	Mulabagilu	Kolar		
86	Sri Nanjegowda K.Y.	Congress	Malur	Kolar	72	5
87	Smt Roopakala M	Congress	KGF	Kolar	6	
88	Sri Srinivasa Gowda K.	JDS	Kolar	Kolar	1	
89	Sri Linganna N.	BJP	Mayakonda	Davanagere	5	
90	Sri Ramachandra S.V.	BJP	Jagaluru	Davanagere	4	
91	Sri Karunakara Reddy K	BJP	Harapanahalli	Davanagere	19	
92	Sri Rammappa S.	Congress	Harihara	Davanagere	14	1
93	Sri Renukacharya M.P.	BJP	Honnali	Davanagere		
94	Sri Madalu Virupakshappa K	BJP	Chennagiri	Davanagere	1	
95	Sri Shamanur Shivashankarappa	Congress	Davanagere South	Davanagere		
96	Sri Ravindranath S.A.	BJP	Davanagere North	Davanagere		
97	Sri Krishna Byregowda	Congress	Byatarayanapura	Bengaluru U	32	
98	Sri Satish Reddy	BJP	Bommanahalli	Bengaluru U	11	1



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99	Sri Krishnappa M.	BJP	Bengaluru South	Bengaluru U		
100	Sri George K.J.	Congress	Sarvajna Nagar	Bengaluru U	14	
101	Sri Akhanda Srinivasamurthy	Congress	Pulikeshinagar	Bengaluru U	21	3
102	Sri Ashok R.	BJP	Padmanabhanagar	Bengaluru U		
103	Sri Hyaris N.A.	Congress	Shanthinagar	Bengaluru U	145	10
104	Sri Krishnappa M	Congress	Vijayanagar	Bengaluru U	2	1
105	Sri Ravisubramanya	BJP	Basavanagudi	Bengaluru U	16	1
106	Sri Ramalingareddy	Congress	BTM Layout	Bengaluru U	12	1
107	Sri Raghu S.	BJP	CV Raman Nagar	Bengaluru U		
108	Sri Rizwan Arshad	Congress	Shivajinagar	Bengaluru U	36	1
109	Dr. Ashwathnarayana *	BJP	Malleswara	Bengaluru U		
110	Sri Gopalaiah K. *	BJP	Mahalaxmi Layout	Bengaluru U		
111	Sri Aravinda Limbavali	BJP	Mahadevapura	Bengaluru U		
112	Sri Somashekar S.T. *	BJP	Yashawanthapura	Bengaluru U		
113	Sri Vishwanath S.R.	BJP	Yelahanka	Bengaluru U		
114	Sri Udaya Garudachar	BJP	Chickpet	Bengaluru U		
115	Sri Shivanna B.	Congress	Anekal	Bengaluru U	88	
116	Smt Sowmya Reddy	Congress	Jayanagar	Bengaluru U	77	11
117	Sri Muniratna *	BJP	Rajarajeshwari Nagar	Bengaluru U	8	
118	Sri Sureshkumar	BJP	Rajajinagar	Bengaluru U		
119	Sri Byrathi Suresh	Congress	Hebbala	Bengaluru U	20	2
120	Sri Basavaraj B.A. *	BJP	K.R. Pura	Bengaluru U		
121	Sri Dinesh Gundurao	Congress	Gandhinagar	Bengaluru U	50	4
122	Sri Somanna V. *	BJP	Govindarajanagar	Bengaluru U		
123	Sri Manjunath R.	JDS	Dasarahalli	Bengaluru U	28	
124	Sri Zameer Ahmed Khan	Congress	Chamarajpet	Bengaluru U	5	
125	Sri Venkataramanappa	Congress	Pavagada	Tumkur		
126	Sri Satyanarayana	JDS	Sira	Tumkur	1	
127	Sri Veerabhadracharya M.V.	JDS	Madhugiri	Tumkur	35	2
128	Sri Madhuswamy J.C. *	BJP	Chicknayakanahalli	Tumkur		
129	Sri Ranganath H.D.	Congress	Kunigal	Tumkur	56	8
130	Sri Parameshwar G.	Congress	Koratagere	Tumkur	9	1
131	Sri Srinivas S.R.	JDS	Gubbi	Tumkur		



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132	Sri Jyothi Ganesh G.B.	BJP	Tumkuru Urban	Tumkur	3	
133	Sri Gourishankar Swamy	JDS	Tumkur Rural	Tumkur	39	
134	Sri Masale Jayarao	BJP	Turuvekere	Tumkur	38	2
135	Sri Nagesh B.C. *	BJP	Tiptur	Tumkur	24	
136	Sri Suresh Gowda	JDS	Nagamangala	Mandya	79	3
137	Sri Ravindra Sreekantaiah	JDS	Srirangapatna	Mandya	23	2
138	Sri Annadani	JDS	Malavalli	Mandya	21	2
139	Sri Srinivas M	JDS	Mandya	Mandya	92	2
140	Sri Thammanna D.C.	JDS	Maddur	Mandya	7	
141	Sri Puttaraju C.S.	JDS	Melukote	Mandya		
142	Sri Narayana Gowda K.C.	JDS	Krishnaraja Pet	Mandya		
143	Sri Mahadeva K.	JDS	Piriyapatna	Mysore	86	2
144	Sri Harshavardhan	BJP	Nanjanagudu	Mysore	32	2
145	Sri Tanveer Seth	Congress	Narasimharaja	Mysore	28	4
146	Sri Yathindra Siddaramaiah	Congress	Varuna	Mysore	103	
147	Sri Anil Kumar C.	Congress	H.D. Kote	Mysore	84	4
148	Sri Ashwin Kumar M	JDS	T. Narasipura	Mysore	10	1
149	Sri Manjunath H.P.	INC	Hunsuru	Mysore	85	1
150	Sri Mahesh S.R.	JDS	Krishrajanagar	Mysore	15	1
151	Sri Ramadas S.A.	BJP	Krishnaraja	Mysore	54	1
152	Sri Devegowda G.T.	JDS	Chamundeshwari	Mysore	19	
153	Sri Nagendra L	BJP	Chamaraja	Mysore	32	2
154	Sri Rajegowda T.D.	Congress	Shringeri	Chickmagaluru	129	7
155	Sri Kumaraswamy M.P.	BJP	Mudigere	Chickmagaluru	25	1
156	Sri Ravi C.T.	BJP	Chickmagaluru	Chickmagaluru	18	1
157	Sri Belli Prakash	BJP	Kadur	Chickmagaluru	50	2
158	Sri Suresh D.S.	BJP	Tarikere	Chickmagaluru	2	
159	Sri Sukumara Shetty	BJP	Byndoor	Udupi	107	3
160	Sri Raghupathi Bhat	BJP	Udupi	Udupi	101	4
161	Sri Lalaji Mendon R.	BJP	Kapu	Udupi	32	2
162	Sri Haladi Srinivasa Shetty	BJP	Kundapura	Udupi	29	3
163	Sri Sunil Kumar *	BJP	Karkala	Udupi		
164	Sri Lingesh K.S.	JDS	Beluru	Hassan	127	3
165	Sri Kumaraswamy H.K.	JDS	Sakaleshapura	Hassan	113	3



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166	Sri Balakrishna C.N.	JDS	Shravanabelagola	Hassan	128	4
167	Sri Shivalingegowda K.M.	JDS	Arasikere	Hassan	88	5
168	Sri Ramaswamy A.T.	JDS	Arakalagudu	Hassan	20	
169	Sri Preetham J Gowda	BJP	Hassan	Hassan		
170	Sri Revanna H.D.	JDS	Holenarasipura	Hassan	149	10
171	Sri Bopaiah K.G.	BJP	Virajapet	Kodagu		
172	Sri Appachchu (Ranjan) M.P.	BJP	Madikeri	Kodagu	88	2
173	Sri Narendra R.	Congress	Hanur	Chamarajanagar	84	3
174	Sri Mahesh N	BSP	Kollegala	Chamarajanagar	18	
175	Sri Niranjankumar	BJP	Gundlupet	Chamarajanagar	28	1
176	Sri Puttarangashetty C	Congress	Chamarajangara	Chamarajanagar	77	2
177	Sri Harish Ponja	BJP	Belthangadi	Dakshina Kannada	6	
178	Sri Angara S.*	BJP	Sulya	Dakshina Kannada	8	
179	Sri Sanjeeva Matanduru	BJP	Puttur	Dakshina Kannada	81	6
180	Sri Rajesh Naik	BJP	Bantwala	Dakshina Kannada	47	
181	Sri Umanath Kotyan	BJP	Moodabidri	Dakshina Kannada	109	5
182	Sri Khader U.T.	Congress	Mangaluru	Dakshina Kannada	118	7
183	Dr. Bharath Shetty Y.	BJP	Mangaluru North	Dakshina Kannada	45	
184	Sri Vedavyasa Kamath	BJP	Mangaluru South	Dakshina Kannada	52	7
185	Sri Tukaram E	Congress	Sandoor	Bellary	27	2
186	Sri Ananda Singh *	BJP	Vijayanagara	Bellary		
187	Sri Somashekara Reddy	BJP	Bellary Urban	Bellary	5	
188	Sri Nagendra B.	Congress	Bellary Rural	Bellary	47	
189	Sri Somalingappa M.S.	BJP	Siraguppa	Bellary	33	
190	Sri Parameshwara Naik	BJP	Hadagali	Bellary	17	
191	Sri Beema Naik	Congress	Hagaribommanahalli	Bellary	51	3
192	Sri Ganesh J.N.	Congress	Kampli	Bellary	31	2
193	Sri Gopalakrishna N.Y.	BJP	Kudligi	Bellary		
194	Sri Eshwara Khandre	Congress	Bhalki	Bidar	113	3
195	Sri Sharanu Salagar	BJP	Basavakalyana	Bidar	8	1
196	Sri Rahim Khan	Congress	Bidar North	Bidar		
197	Sri Bandeppa Kashempur	JDS	Bidar South	Bidar	126	6
198	Sri Rajashekhara Patil	Congress	Hunamabad	Bidar	5	
199	Sri Prabhu Chouhan *	BJP	Ourad	Bidar		



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200	Sri Narasimha Nayak	BJP	Surapura	Yadagiri		
201	Sri Sharanabasappa Darshanapura	Congress	Shahapura	Yadagiri	8	
202	Sri Venkatarreddy Mudnal	BJP	Yadgiri	Yadagiri	72	4
203	Sri Naganagouda Kundakora	JDS	Gurumitkal	Yadagiri	8	
204	Sri Holageri D.S.	BJP	Lingasugur	Raichur	84	6
205	Sri Venkatarao Nadagouda	JDS	Sindhanuru	Raichur	47	
206	Sri Pratapgouda Patil	Congress	Maski	Raichur	10	
207	Sri Raja Venkatappa Nayak	JDS	Manvi	Raichur	27	
208	Dr. Shivaraja Patil	BJP	Raichur Urban	Raichur		
209	Sri Basanagouda Daddala	BJP	Raichur Rural	Raichur	93	3
210	Sri Shivanagouda Nayak K	BJP	Devadurga	Raichur		
211	Sri Rajakumar P. Telkooor	BJP	Sedam	Kalaburugi	10	2
212	Dr. Anivash Umesh Jadhav	Congress	Chincholi	Kalaburugi	49	2
213	Sri Priyanka Kharge	Congress	Chittapura	Kalaburugi	60	2
214	Sri Patil M.Y.	Congress	Afjalapura	Kalaburugi	23	2
215	Sri Subhash Guttedar	BJP	Alanda	Kalaburugi	41	
216	Sri Ajay Singh	Congress	Jevargi	Kalaburugi	135	8
217	Sri Basavaraja Mattimooda	BJP	Kalaburugi Rural	Kalaburugi	19	
218	Sri Dattatreya Patil Revoora	BJP	Kalaburugi South	Kalaburugi		
219	Smt Kaniz Fathima	Congress	Kalaburugi North	Kalaburugi	4	1
220	Sri Halappa Basappa Achar *	BJP	Yelaburga	Koppala	71	4
221	Sri Basavaraja Dadhesuguru	BJP	Kanakagiri	Koppala	11	1
222	Sri Amregowda Bayyapura	Congress	Kushtagi	Koppala	50	3
223	Sri Raghavendra Hitnal	Congress	Koppal	Koppala	21	
224	Sri Paranna Munavalli	BJP	Gangavathi	Koppala	18	

* Ministers; ** Chief Minister



2.9. Constituency wise Questions – Legislative Council

Since the legislative council members do not have any separate geographical constituencies, their questions have been classified according to the special category of constituencies they represent.

The highest number of questions is being raised by the 25 members elected from the local bodies (1,993 questions). While 25 members elected from the legislative assembly have raised 1,602 questions, 11 members who were nominated have asked 774 questions and the Teachers' Constituency and the Graduates' Constituency having 7 members each have raised 548 and 402 questions respectively.

A closer look for child centered questions show that, 5.51% of the total questions raised by nominated members are child centered, while 5.42% of the total questions by the members elected from local bodies are child centered. Those who elected from teacher's constituency have raised 5.11%, members elected from legislative assembly have raised 4.74% and those who are elected from graduate's constituencies have raised 3.23% child centered questions.

Constituency	Number of Members	Total Questions	Child Centered Question	% of the Total
Local Bodies	25	1993	108	5.42
Legislative Assembly	25	1602	76	4.74
Nominated	11	744	41	5.51
Teachers	7	548	28	5.11
Graduates	7	402	13	3.23
Total	75	5289	266	5.03



2.10. Members wise Questions – Legislative Council

SI No.	Name	Party	Constituency	Total Questions	Child Centred Questions
1	Sri Pratapchandra Shetty K	Congress	LG	107	3
2	Sri Patil B.G.	BJP	LG	79	0
3	Sri Patil S.R.	Congress	LG	29	0
4	Sri Basavanagowda Patil	Congress	LG	1	0
5	Sri Dharmasena R.	Congress	LG	137	10
6	Sri Prasanna Kumar R	Congress	LG	106	8
7	Sri Sunil Subramani P.M.	BJP	LG	94	2
8	Sri Sandesh Nagaraju	JDS	LG	89	1
9	Sri Narayanaswamy M	Congress	LG	179	10
10	Sri Pradeep Shettar	BJP	LG	27	1
11	Sri Pranesh M.K.	BJP	LG	7	0
12	Sri Vivek Rao Vasantharao Patil	Independent	LG	6	0
13	Sri Manohar C.R.	JDS	LG	19	0
14	Sri Mane Srinivas	Congress	LG	46	1
15	Sri Appaji Gowda N	JDS	LG	194	6
16	Sri Ravi S	Congress	LG	87	3
17	Sri Raghu Achar G	Congress	LG	39	2
18	Sri Kavtagimata Mahantesh Mallikarjuna	BJP	LG	187	36
19	Sri Kantharaju B.M.L.	JDS	LG	128	4
20	Sri Kondaiah K.C.	Congress	LG	46	3
21	Sri Kota Srinivas Poojari	BJP	LG	Minister	
22	Sri Gopaldaswamy M.A.	Congress	LG	174	5
23	Sri Gotnekar Srikanth Laxmana	Congress	LG	60	4
24	Sri Sunilgowda Basanagowda Patil	Independent	LG	1	0
25	Sri Vijayasingh	BJP	LG	94	8
26	Sri Shantharam Budna Siddi	BJP	Nominated	5	0
27	Sri Mohankumar Kondajji	Congress	Nominated	55	3
28	Sri Venkatesh U.B.	Congress	Nominated	126	13
29	Sri Lakshama Sangappa Savadi	BJP	Nominated		
30	Sri Adaguru Vishwanath	Congress	Nominated	11	0



SI No.	Name	Party	Constituency	Total Questions	Child Centred Questions
31	Smt. Bharathi Shetty	BJP	Nominated	37	6
32	Sri Talawar Sabanna	BJP	Nominated	11	0
33	Sri Prakash K. Rathod	Congress	Nominated	195	5
34	Sri Ramesh P.R.	Congress	Nominated	135	3
35	Sri Thippeswamy K.A.	Congress	Nominated	148	10
36	Sri Lingappa C.M.	Congress	Nominated	15	0
37	Sri Sankanoor S.V.	BJP	Graduates	26	0
38	Sri Nirani Hanumanth Rudrappa	BJP	Graduates	71	0
39	Sri Srikantegowda K.T.	JDS	Graduates	142	4
40	Sri Ayanur Manjunath	BJP	Graduates	15	1
41	Sri Chidananda M. Gowda	BJP	Graduates	21	2
42	Sri Nirani Hanumantha Rudrappa	BJP	Graduates	71	0
43	Sri Devegowda A	BJP	Graduates	55	0
44	Sri Yogeshwar C.P	BJP	Vidhana Sabha	5	1
45	Sri Nanjundi Vishwakarma K.P.	BJP	Vidhana Sabha	14	0
46	Sri Narayanaswamy K.V.	JDS	Vidhana Sabha	3	0
47	Sri Farooq B.M.	JDS	Vidhana Sabha	22	1
48	Smt Veena Achchaiah	Congress	Vidhana Sabha	143	0
49	Sri Shankar R.	BJP	Vidhana Sabha		
50	Sri Allam Veerabhadrapa	Congress	Vidhana Sabha	25	3
51	Sri Aravindakumar Arali	Congress	Vidhana Sabha	169	10
52	Sri Nagaraj MTB	BJP	Vidhana Sabha	Minister	
53	Sri Ravikumar N	BJP	Vidhana Sabha	186	14
54	Sri Ramesh Gowda H.M.	JDS	Vidhana Sabha	181	7
55	Sri Rudregowda S	BJP	Vidhana Sabha	13	0
56	Sri Sunil Valyapure	BJP	Vidhana Sabha	90	2
57	Sri Raghunath Rao Malkapure	BJP	Vidhana Sabha	122	8
58	Sri Muniraju Gowda P.M.	BJP	Vidhana Sabha	45	4
59	Sri Harishkumar K	Congress	Vidhana Sabha	89	3
60	Sri Govindaraju K	Congress	Vidhana Sabha	116	3
61	Dr. Tejaswini Gowda	BJP	Vidhana Sabha	20	2
62	Sri Thimmapura R.B.	Congress	Vidhana Sabha	80	3
63	Sri Pratap Simha Nayak	BJP	Vidhana Sabha	12	2



SI No.	Name	Party	Constituency	Total Questions	Child Centred Questions
64	Sri Govinda Raju	JDS	Vidhana Sabha	0	0
65	Sri Ibrahim C.M.	Congress	Vidhana Sabha	20	1
66	Sri Hariprasad B.K.	Congress	Vidhana Sabha	127	7
67	Sri Leharsingh Siroya	BJP	Vidhana Sabha	33	4
68	Sri Naseer Ahmed	Congress	Vidhana Sabha	90	2
69	Sri Bhojgowda S.L.	JDS	Teacher's	88	8
70	Sri Shashil G. Namoshi	BJP	Teacher's	59	4
71	Sri Basavaraja Horatti *	JDS	Teacher's	30	1
72	Sri Narayanaswamy Y.A.	BJP	Teacher's	166	9
73	Sri Marithibbegowda	JDS	Teacher's	134	5
74	Sri Aruna Shahapura	BJP	Teacher's	63	1
75	Sri Puttanna	JDS	Teacher's	11	0

* Speaker; Note: LG = Local Government



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