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## **Praja Report | In meetings, between 2009 and 2019: 'MLAs from cities asked 74% fewer questions since 2009'**LNU News

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The MUMBAI MLA has asked fewer questions in the Assembly compared to the past, claims the municipality-based 'Mumbai MLA Report Card 2022', the Praja Foundation, which was released on Tuesday. The report found a 74% decrease in the number of questions asked by the MLA in 2019 compared to 2009. While only 2,056 questions were asked in 2019, nearly 7,955 questions were asked in the DPR in 2009. Also, there were 62% of questions. decreased the number of questions asked about health for the same period, to 264 questions from 695 questions. Similarly, there was a 78% decrease in the number of questions asked about education to 189 questions in 2019 from 864 questions in 2009. Eleven MLAs asked more than 150 questions.

Meanwhile, there has been a 27% increase in the number of MLAs with criminal records over the same period. While there were 15 MLAs with criminal records in 2009, this increased to 19 MLAs in 2019.

Of Mumbai's 36 MLAs, the report has evaluated the performance of 31, excluding four ministers and one vacant seat due to the death of Ramesh Latke of Shiv Sena.

Between 2019 and 2021, nearly 2,630 questions were asked by MLA from Mumbai. Of these, 378, which is the highest number of questions, were asked about health, followed by 304 about housing and 303 about crime. While 238 questions about education, 148 questions about citizenship, 104 questions about roads, 142 questions about transportation, 125 questions about community welfare, 84 questions about pollution and gardens.

Milind Mhaske from the Praja Foundation said, "For a standard tool for measuring performance, we need to look at the performance of the MLA legislature. While we recognize the MLA's efforts outside the legislature to improve the quality of life of their legislators, we must work on a basic

clarity that it is the government's job to make it happen, while the MLA's job is to hold the government accountable."

During the pandemic, the Assembly met for 18 days in 2020, and for four days following the lockdown on March 24, 2020. Maharashtra is ranked 10th out of 19 states with data available, in terms of the duration of its assembly session in 2020. Three MLAs, according to Praja reports, are MLA Congressman Amin Patel, BJP MLA Parag Alavani, and Shiv Sena MLA Sunil Prabhu. The bottom three in MLA are Ravindra Waikar and Prakash Surve of Shiv Sena, and Rahul Narvekar of the BJP.

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