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Government of India
Ministry of Law & Justice
Department of Legal Affairs
Judicial Section

439-A, Shastri Bhawan, N.D.
Dated the 19.11.2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question (Starred Dy. No. 1629)-reg.

Please refer to Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question (Starred Dy. No. 1629) regarding "Selection of lawyers and expenditure thereon". The question read as follows:-

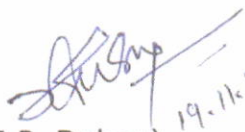
(a) What is the total expenditure by central government departments on legal over the past five years, specifically for private lawyers, law firms and senior counsels?

(b) Which departments have incurred the highest legal costs and what factors contributed to these expenditures?

(c) Is there an upward trend in legal spending? If so, what are the underlying reasons for this increase?

(d) What selection process does the government follow for hiring external lawyers and law firms? Are there specific criteria to ensure fairness, competence, and value for money?

2. As regards, it is requested to provide inputs, along with supplementary questions, by **22.11.2024 (by 12 noon) (along with ms-word copy)** at email **judicial-dla@nic.in**.


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