

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ENB057****(Question Serial No. 5485)**

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Question (Member Question No. 60):

How many appeal cases of sewage charge and trade effluent surcharge were there in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14? Of which, how many were from the restaurant trade? How many appeal cases were approved? Of which, how many were from the restaurant trade? What is the average time needed to complete the processing of an appeal case?

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Reply:

The number of applications and approved cases for reassessment of (i) trade effluent surcharge (TES) rate and (ii) discharge factor (DF) for sewage charge and TES in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 are as follows:

Notes:

- As there is a time lag for processing the applications, the number of applications approved does not correspond to the number of applications received within the same financial year.
- As we received the majority of TES rate reassessment applications (many of which are deferred renewal applications) in the last

		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (for 11 months only)
Reassessment of TES rate	Number of applications received			
	— All trades	191	215	254
	— Restaurant trade	137	202	238
	Number of applications approved ⁽¹⁾			
	— All trades	229	99 ⁽²⁾	168
Reassessment of DF	— Restaurant trade	172	92 ⁽²⁾	158
	Number of applications received			
	— All trades	25	11	26
	— Restaurant trade	0	0	0
	Number of applications approved ⁽¹⁾			
	— All trades	8	18	7
	— Restaurant trade	0	0	0

few months of 2012-13, many of them were approved in 2013-14. The number of TES rate reassessment applications approved was therefore relatively low in 2012-13 due to the special circumstances as explained above.

It normally takes 3 to 4 months to process a case.