

An analysis of the the questions by private notice facility in Parliament by the manthri.lk team reveals some striking results. The period analysed was September 2015-March 2019.

## What is a question by private notice?

A question by private notice is a parliamentary question raised following notice given privately to the speaker and the minister concerned when urgency on matters of public importance or the arrangement of business prevents scheduling on the order paper.

An analysis of the data indicates that MP Douglas Devanantha, despite being the only member of the EPDP asked a total of 118 questions by private notice. This amounts to 40.69% of the total number of questions by private notice during the period.

Following him is Anura Kumara Dissanayake whose party, the JVP boasts 6 members. They have asked a total of 91 questions by private notice which amounts to 31.38% of the total.

Dinesh Gunewardena has asked a total of 68 questions which amounts to 23.45%.

Rauff Hakeem has asked one question which amounts to 0.34% of the total.

Mahinda Rajapaksa has asked a total of 10 questions with a percentage figure of 3.45% while R Sampanthan has asked 2 questions with a percentage total of 0.69%.

Politician	N	Su	%
Douglas Devanantha	118	3540.00	40.69
Anura Kumara Dissanayake	91	2730.00	31.38
Dinesh Gunawardhane	68	2040.00	23.45
Rauff Hakeem	1	30.00	0.34
Mahinda Rajapaksa	10	300.00	3.45
R. Sambanthan	2	60.00	0.69
Total	290	8700.00	