

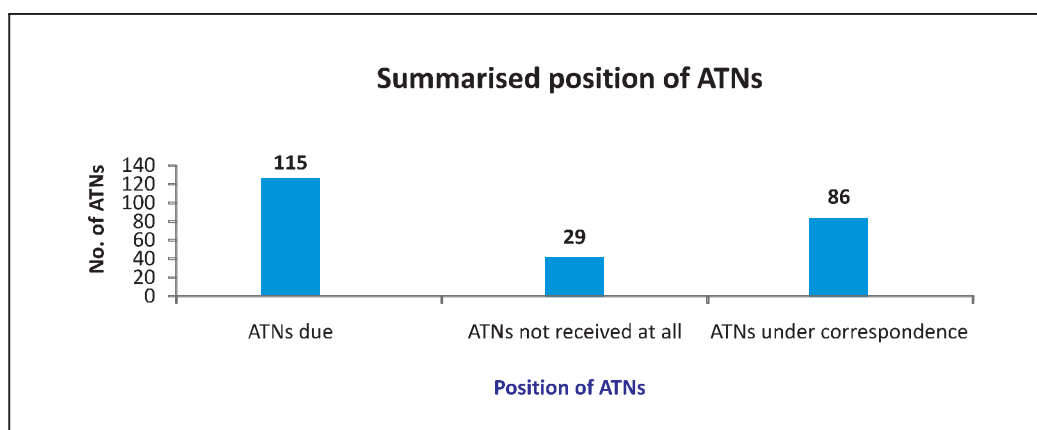
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8.1 Follow-up action on Audit Reports-Summarised Position

The Lok Sabha Secretariat issued instructions in April 1982 to all Ministries to furnish notes to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), indicating remedial/ corrective action taken on various paragraphs contained in the Audit Reports, soon after these were laid on the Table of the House.

In their Ninth Report (Eleventh Lok Sabha) presented to the Parliament on 22 April 1997, the Public Accounts Committee desired that submission of pending Action Taken Notes (ATNs) pertaining to Audit Reports for the years ended March 1994 and 1995 should be completed within a period of three months and recommended that ATNs on all paragraphs pertaining to the Audit Reports for the year ended March 1996 onwards be submitted to them duly vetted by Audit, within four months from the laying of the Reports in Parliament.

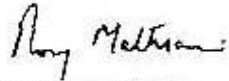
A review of the position of receipt of ATNs on paragraphs included in Audit Reports (Autonomous Bodies) up to the period ended 31 March 2013 (**Appendix-VIII**) revealed that the Ministries did not submit remedial/corrective ATNs in respect of a large number of paragraphs inspite of the above instructions. Out of 115 paragraphs on which ATNs were required to be sent, ATNs in respect of 29 paragraphs had not been received at all as shown in the chart given below:



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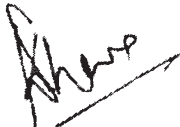
The final ATNs in respect of 86 paragraphs, which were under correspondence, were pending at various stages. Out of these 86 paragraphs, 18 paragraphs pertained to the Audit reports up to the year 2003 i.e., more than 10 years old.

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