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# China solves 80,000 cases every year through administrative appeals

The Chinese government solved about 80,000 cases of conflict between government organizations and common people every year since the administrative appeal system was introduced in 1999.

The figure was revealed by Yuan Shuhong, vice director of the Legislative Affairs Office of the State Council, Tuesday at a press conference.

According to Yuan, governing officials have been ordered to revoke their improper or illegal acts and decisions in 14.67 percent of the total cases and in 18.92 percent cases the acts and decisions were rectified.

The changes were brought about by appeals, or "lawsuits filed by common people against government officials", which allow people to petition higher authorities to correct the mistakes of lower organizations.

"The administrative appeal system played a very important role in protecting the legal rights of the people and keeping the administrative organizations' power under control," said Yuan.

The government has also set up a series of regulations to ensure the implementation of the Administrative Reconsideration Law.

Under these regulations, the appeal authorities can recommend to personnel departments administrative penalties for responsible officials.

However, Yuan noted that the country should continue to improve the appeal system and the law enforcement as some cases were not reasonably solved and some administrative organizations didn't put much effort into dealing with appeals.

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