

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 268

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 03.02.2022

Strength of Judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts

268. DR. NARENDRA JADHAV:

Will the Minister of **LAW AND JUSTICE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and number of vacancies of Judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts against the sanctioned strength, State-wise details of High Courts thereof;
- (b) the total number of SC/ST/OBC Judges in the Supreme Court and the percentage of representation of SCs/STs and OBCs; and
- (c) the details and number of SC/ST/OBC Judges in High Courts across the country, State-wise details thereof with percentage of SCs/STs and OBCs representation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a): As on 28.01.2022 the number of vacancies of Judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts against the sanctioned strength, State-wise details of High Courts is provided at **ANNEXURE.**

(b) to (c): Appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts are made under Article 124, 217 and 224 of the Constitution respectively. These Articles do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of person including women. Therefore, no caste or class-wise data of Judges is maintained. However, the Government is committed to social diversity in the appointment of Judges in the High Courts and has been requesting the Chief Justices of the High Courts that while sending proposals for appointment of Judges, due consideration be given to suitable candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities and Women.

ANNEXURE

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the Unstarred Question No. 268 to be answered in the Rajya Sabha on 03.02.2022 regarding “Strength of Judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts” by Dr. Narendra Jadhav.

Sl. No.	Name of the Court	Approved Judge Strength	Working Strength of Judges as on 28.01.2022	Vacancy
A.	Supreme Court of India	34	04	02
B.	High Courts			
1	Allahabad	160	93	67
2	Andhra Pradesh	37	20	17
3	Bombay	94	60	34
4	Calcutta	72	39	33
5	Chhattisgarh	22	13	9
6	Delhi	60	30	30
7	Gauhati	24	23	1
8	Gujarat	52	32	20
9	Himachal Pradesh	13	9	4
10	J & K and Ladakh	17	13	4
11	Jharkhand	25	20	5
12	Karnataka	62	45	17
13	Kerala	47	39	8
14	Madhya Pradesh	53	29	24
15	Madras	75	60	15
16	Manipur	5	4	1
17	Meghalaya	4	3	1
18	Orissa	27	18	9
19	Patna	53	26	27
20	Punjab & Haryana	85	49	36
21	Rajasthan	50	28	22
22	Sikkim	3	3	0
23	Telangana	42	19	23
24	Tripura	5	5	0
25	Uttarakhand	11	7	4
Total		1098	687	411