

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

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1071**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 10.02.2022**

**Clearance of proposals for pending vacancies in the High Courts**

**1071. SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:**

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

- (a) whether Government has cleared the pending proposals for filling up the vacancies in High Courts across India;
- (b) if so, the details of the approved proposals, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the details of the proposals pending with the Department of Justice, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE**

**(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

(a) to (c):Judges of the High Courts are appointed as per the procedure laid down in the Memorandum of Procedure(MoP) prepared in 1998 pursuant to the Supreme Court Judgment of October 6, 1993 (Second Judges case) read with their Advisory Opinion of October 28, 1998 (Third Judges case). As per MoP, initiation of proposal for appointment of Judges in the High Courts vests with the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court. All the names recommended by High Court Collegium are sent with the views of the Government to the Supreme Court Collegium (SCC) for advice. Government, however, appoints only those persons as Judges of High Courts who are recommended by SCC

As on 04.02.2022, against the sanctioned strength of 1098 Judges in the High Courts, 687 Judges are in position, leaving 411 vacancies of Judges to be filled. Government has appointed 120 High Court Judges in the year 2021. At present, 172 proposals are at various stages of processing between the Government and the Supreme Court Collegium. Further recommendations from High Court Collegiums are yet to be received in respect of remaining 239 vacancies in High Courts. A statement showing High Court wise appointments notified during 2021 and details of proposals which are at various stages of processing between the Government and the SCC as on 04.02.2022 is at **Annexure.**

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Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Unstarred Question No. 1071 to be answered in Rajya Sabha on 10.02.2022 regarding 'Clearance of proposals for pending vacancies in the High Courts' by Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	No. of appointments notified during 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021	No. of proposals in processing between the Government and the SCC as on 04.02.2022
1	Allahabad	17	27
2	Andhra Pradesh	02	09
3	Bombay	06	24
4	Calcutta	08	13
5	Chhattisgarh	03	01
6	Delhi	02	20
7	Gauhati	06	-
8	Gujarat	07	-
9	Himachal Pradesh	01	-
10	J & K and Ladakh	02	04
11	Jharkhand	04	01
12	Karnataka	06	04
13	Kerala	12	03
14	Madhya Pradesh	08	12
15	Madras	05	08
16	Manipur	-	01
17	Meghalaya	-	-
18	Orissa	04	05
19	Patna	06	23
20	Punjab & Haryana	06	-
21	Rajasthan	08	04
22	Sikkim	-	-
23	Telangana	07	13
24	Tripura	-	-
25	Uttarakhand	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>120</b>	<b>172</b>