

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

**RAJYA SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 18**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 03.02.2022**

**Number of Women Judges in Courts**

**\*18. SHRI JOHN BRITTAS:**

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

- (a) the number of women judges in Supreme Court and High Courts against the current strength of Judges;
- (b) the details thereof, High Court-wise;
- (c) the stand of Government regarding the enhancement of number of women judges and judges from Dalit and backward communities; and
- (d) the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE**

**(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. \* 18 due for answer on 03.02.2022 regarding “Number of Women Judges in Courts”**

(a) & (b): As on 28.01.2022, 04 women Judges are working in the Supreme Court against the current total sanctioned strength of 34 Judges and 83 women judges are working in various High Courts of the country against the total sanctioned strength of 1098 Judges. A Statement showing working strength of women Judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts as on 28.01.2022 is at **Annexure.**

(c) & (d): Appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts is made under Articles 124, 217 and 224 of the Constitution of India, which do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of persons. However, the Government has been requesting the Chief Justices of 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 to ensure social diversity in appointment of Judges in High Courts.

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**ANNEXURE**

**Statement referred to in reply to part (a)&(b) of Starred Question No. 18 to be answered in the Rajya Sabha on 03.02.2022 regarding “Number of Women Judges in Courts” by Shri John Brittas.**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Court</b>	<b>Approved total Judges Strength</b>	<b>Working Strength of Female Judges as on 28.01.2022</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>Supreme Court of India</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>04</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>High Courts</b>		
1	Allahabad	160	5
2	Andhra Pradesh	37	2
3	Bombay	94	7
4	Calcutta	72	5
5	Chhattisgarh	22	1
6	Delhi	60	6
7	Gauhati	24	3
8	Gujarat	52	6
9	Himachal Pradesh	13	2
10	J & K and Ladakh	17	1
11	Jharkhand	25	1
12	Karnataka	62	6
13	Kerala	47	6
14	Madhya Pradesh	53	3
15	Madras	75	13
16	Manipur	5	0
17	Meghalaya	4	0
18	Orissa	27	1
19	Patna	53	0
20	Punjab& Haryana	85	7
21	Rajasthan	50	1
22	Sikkim	3	1
23	Telangana	42	6
24	Tripura	5	0
25	Uttarakhand	11	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1098</b>	<b>83</b>