

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2174**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 04.08.2022**

**Judges' vacancies in the High Court of AP**

**2174. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether there are vacancies of 9 Additional Judges and 2 permanent judges in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, since when these posts of Judges are lying vacant;
- (c) the steps taken to fill up these vacancies;
- (d) whether Supreme Court has recommended any names against the above 11 Judges that are pending for clearance before Government; and
- (e) if so, the time when such recommendation was made and the reasons for delay, if any?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE**

**(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

(a) to (e): Against the approved judge strength of 37 (28-Permanent, 9-Additional) judges in the Andhra Pradesh High Court, 24 Judges (Permanent) are working as on 01.08.2022 and 13 posts of judges are vacant.

The Supreme Court Collegium, vide its recommendation dated 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 has recommended elevation of 7 Judicial Officers (JO) as judges of Andhra Pradesh

High Court. The proposal of appointment of these 7 JOs is under consideration of the Government.

Regarding the remaining 6 vacancies in the Andhra Pradesh High Court, no recommendation has been received from the High Court Collegium (HCC).

Filling up of vacancies in the High Courts is a continuous, integrated and collaborative process between the Executive and the Judiciary. It requires consultation and approval from various Constitutional Authorities both at the State and Centre level. While every effort is made to fill up the existing vacancies expeditiously, vacancies of Judges in High Courts do keep on arising on account of retirement, resignation or elevation of Judges and also due to increase in the strength of Judges. The Government is committed towards filling up of vacancies in the Andhra Pradesh High Court expeditiously.

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