

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1397**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 28.07.2022**

**Establishment of new Benches for Courts in India**

**1397. DR. SASMIT PATRA:**

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

- (a) details of new Benches established for Courts in India during the last five years;
- (b) the proposals for establishment of new Benches presently pending with Government; and
- (c) process for establishing a new Bench for a court in India?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE**

**(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

(a) to (c): During the last five years, a Circuit Bench of the Calcutta High Court was established at Jalpaiguri w.e.f. 07.02.2019.

High Court Benches are established in accordance with the recommendations made by the Jaswant Singh Commission and judgment pronounced by the Apex Court in W.P. (C) No. 379 of 2000 and after due consideration of a complete proposal from the State Government which has to provide necessary expenditure and infrastructural facilities and the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court who is required to look after the day to day administration of the High Court. The proposal to be complete should also have the consent of the Governor of the concerned State.

At present there is no complete proposal pending with the Government for setting up of Bench(es) of any High Court.

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