



## **SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the name of Shri Arvind Kumar Verma, Judicial Officer, for appointment as Judge of the High Court of Chhattisgarh in the following terms:

On 6 August 2023, the Chief Justice of the High Court of Chhattisgarh in consultation with his two senior-most colleagues made the above recommendation. The Chief Minister and the Governor of the State of Chhattisgarh have concurred with the recommendation.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, a Judge of the Supreme Court conversant with the affairs of the High Court of Chhattisgarh was consulted to ascertain the fitness and suitability of the candidate.

For the purpose of assessing the merit and suitability of Shri Arvind Kumar Verma for elevation to the High Court, we have scrutinized and evaluated the material placed on record.

Our sole consultee-colleague has opined that the officer is suitable for appointment as a Judge of the High Court. The Judgment Evaluation Committee constituted by the Chief Justice of the High Court has rated the quality of judgments authored by him as “Very Good”.

Bearing in mind the views of the consultee-Judge on the suitability of the candidate, the report of the Judgment Assessment Committee and the assessment made by the Government of India in the file, the Collegium is of



the considered view that the officer is suitable for appointment as a judge of the High Court of Chhattisgarh.

While considering the above proposal, we have also taken note of the fact that the above proposal involves non-recommendation of some senior judicial officers. Cogent reasons have been recorded by the Collegium of the High Court for not recommending their names. We are, therefore, in agreement with the High Court Collegium for overlooking them.

In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that Shri Arvind Kumar Verma, Judicial Officer, be appointed as a Judge of the High Court of Chhattisgarh.

( Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud ), CJI

( Sanjiv Khanna ), J

( B R Gavai ), J

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