

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

Re: Appointment of Mr. Justice K. Vinod Chandran, Judge, High Court of Kerala as Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Patna.

The office of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Patna has fallen vacant recently, consequent upon elevation of Mr. Justice Sanjay Karol to the Supreme Court. Therefore, appointment to that office is required to be made.

Mr. Justice K. Vinod Chandran is the seniormost Judge of the Kerala High Court. Mr. Justice K. Vinod Chandran was appointed on 08 November 2011 and is due to retire on 24 April 2025. The Collegium has previously resolved to appoint Mr. Justice K. Vinod Chandran as Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court. Since the date of that recommendation, the position of Chief Justices in number of other High Courts has fallen vacant, consequent of retirement and elevation of the incumbent Chief Justices as Judges of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Justice K. Vinod Chandran is the seniormost Judge of the Kerala High Court with wide experience. Having regard to the above circumstances, the Collegium resolves to recall its earlier recommendation for appointment of Mr. Justice K. Vinod Chandran as Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court and resolves to recommend that he be appointed as Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Patna, as he is fit and suitable for the same.

(Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud), CJI

(Sanjay Kishan Kaul), J.

(K.M. Joseph), J.

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