

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

Re: Proposal for transfer of Mr. Justice Manoj Bajaj, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court.

On 05 July 2023, the Collegium proposed transfer of Mr. Justice Manoj Bajaj, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court, to the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad for better administration of justice.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, we have consulted one of the Judges of the Supreme Court who being conversant with the affairs of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana is in a position to offer views on the proposed transfer.

The Chief Justices of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana and High Court of Judicature at Allahabad whose opinion was sought in terms of the Memorandum of Procedure have also conveyed their no objection to the proposed transfer of Mr Justice Manoj Bajaj.

Mr. Justice Manoj Bajaj, however, *vide* representation dated 11 July 2023 has requested, on grounds indicated therein, to continue to function at Punjab & Haryana High Court.

We have carefully gone through the request made by Mr. Justice Manoj Bajaj in his representation, and bestowed our thoughtful consideration to the contents thereof. The Collegium does not find any

merit in the request made by him. The Collegium, therefore, resolves to reiterate its recommendation dated 05 July 2023 to transfer Mr. Justice Manoj Bajaj to the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad.

(Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud), CJI

(Sanjay Kishan Kaul), J

(Sanjiv Khanna), J

(B R Gavai), J

(Surya Kant), J

12 July 2023.

