



SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

The Supreme Court Collegium has approved the proposal for appointment of two Additional Judges as permanent Judges of the Gauhati High Court in the following terms:

- (i) Smt. Justice Susmita Phukan Khaund, and
- (ii) Smt. Justice Mitali Thakuria.

On 1 April 2024, the Collegium of the Gauhati High Court unanimously made recommendation for appointment of the Additional Judges whose names are set out above as permanent Judges.

The Chief Ministers of the States of Assam, Mizoram, and Arunachal Pradesh and the Governors of the States of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, and Arunachal Pradesh have concurred with the recommendation.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, the Judges of the Supreme Court conversant with the affairs of the Gauhati High Court were



consulted with a view to ascertain the suitability of the above Additional Judges for being appointed as permanent Judges.

A Committee of two Judges of the Supreme Court constituted by the Chief Justice of India in terms of the Resolution dated 26 October 2017 of the Supreme Court Collegium has assessed the judgments of the above-named Additional Judges. The Committee has reported as under:

“We find that the judgments authored by Smt. Justice Susmita Phukan Khaund and Smt. Justice Mitali Thakuria are well-reasoned, contain an analysis of the facts of the cases and are backed by appropriate case laws.

We, therefore, agree with the proposal made by the Collegium of the Gauhati High Court and are of the opinion that both the abovenamed Judges deserve to be considered for appointment as the Permanent Judges.”

With a view to assess the merit and suitability of the above Additional Judges for appointment as permanent judges, we have scrutinized the material placed on record including the opinion of the consultee-judges and the report of the Judgment Evaluation Committee. Bearing in mind the above, the Collegium is of the view that (i) Smt. Justice Susmita Phukan Khaund, and (ii) Smt. Justice Mitali Thakuria, Additional Judges are fit and suitable for being appointed as permanent Judges.



In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that (i) Smt. Justice Susmita Phukan Khaund, and (ii) Smt. Justice Mitali Thakuria, Additional Judges, be appointed as permanent Judges of the Gauhati High Court against the existing vacancies.

(Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud), CJI

(Sanjiv Khanna), J

(B R Gavai), J

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