

## **STATEMENT**

## Re: Appointment of Mr. Justice Harish Tandon, Judge, High Court at Calcutta, as Chief Justice of the High Court of Orissa.

A vacancy in the office of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Orissa arose consequent upon retirement of Mr. Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Therefore, appointment to that office is required to be made.

The Collegium proposes to appoint Mr. Justice Harish Tandon, Judge, High Court at Calcutta, as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Orissa.

Mr. Justice Harish Tandon was appointed as a Judge of the High Court at Calcutta on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and has been functioning there since then. Mr. Justice Harish Tandon ranks at Sl. No. 7 in the All-India Seniority of High Court Judges, including Chief Justices. He is a senior puisne Judge in his parent High Court. Before his elevation as a Judge of the High Court, he practised in High Court at Calcutta in civil matters. He has acquired extensive experience in dispensing justice. He is considered to be a competent judge and possesses a high level of integrity and conduct required of a person holding high judicial office.



Having regard to all relevant factors, the Collegium is of the considered view that Mr. Justice Harish Tandon is fit and suitable in all respects for being appointed as Chief Justice of the High Court of Orissa.

The Collegium has, therefore, resolved to recommend that Mr. Justice Harish Tandon be appointed as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Orissa.

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