

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

The Collegium of the Supreme Court has recommended the names of two Additional Judges of the High Court for the State of Telangana, as permanent Judges of that High Court in the following terms:

- (i) Mr Justice Jaggannagari Sreenivasa Rao @ J. Srinivas Rao, and
- (ii) Mr Justice Namavarapu Rajeshwar Rao.

On 13 February 2024, the Collegium of the High Court for the State of Telangana unanimously recommended for appointment of the Additional Judges whose names are set out above as permanent Judges of that High Court. The Chief Minister and the Governor for the State of Telangana have conveyed their concurrence with the above recommendation.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, the Judges of the Supreme Court conversant with the affairs of the High Court for the State of Telangana 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 rated the quality of their judgments as "good".

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. We have duly considered the opinion of the consultee-Judges and the report of the Judgment Evaluation Committee. The Collegium is of the considered view that (i) Mr Justice Jaggannagari Sreenivasa Rao @ J. Srinivas Rao, and (ii) Mr Justice Namavarapu Rajeshwar Rao, Additional Judges, are fit and suitable for being appointed as permanent Judges.

In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that (i) Mr Justice Jaggannagari Sreenivasa Rao @ J. Srinivas Rao, and (ii) Mr Justice Namavarapu Rajeshwar Rao, Additional Judges, be appointed as permanent Judges of the High Court for the State of Telangana against the existing vacancies.

(Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud), CJI

(Sanjiv Khanna), J

(BR Gavai), J

16 April 2024

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The Collegium of the Supreme Court has recommended the name of Smt Sreeja Vijayalakshmi, Advocate, for appointment as Judge of the High Court of Kerala in the following terms:

The recommendation for appointment of the above candidate as Judge of the High Court of Kerala was made by the Collegium of the High Court on 5 December 2023.

On 12 March 2024, consideration of the recommendation was deferred with a view to seek a report from the Chief Justice of the High Court of Kerala in consultation with members of the High Court Collegium on the suitability of the candidate in light of the inputs placed by the Department of Justice in the file.

The Chief Justice of the High Court of Kerala by a letter dated 21 March 2024 forwarded his report in response to a communication addressed to him by the Chief Justice of India, after consultation with the members of the High Court Collegium on the suitability of the above-mentioned candidate.

The members of the Collegium of the High Court have the benefit of hearing the arguments of the candidate under consideration and of assessing her performance and antecedents. The inputs which have been furnished by the Department of Justice in the file have been duly considered by the Collegium of the High Court in pursuance of the earlier resolution of the Collegium of the Supreme Court. Bearing in mind the



clarification which has been issued by the Collegium of the High Court, we are of the view that there is no reason to reject the view which has been formed by the Collegium of the High Court.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, the Judges of the Supreme Court conversant with the affairs of the High Court of Kerala were consulted in order to ascertain the fitness and suitability of the candidate.

The Chief Minister and the Governor for the State of Kerala have conveyed their concurrence to the above recommendation.

We have scrutinized and evaluated the material placed on record. including the report dated 21 March 2024 of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Kerala. The Collegium, therefore, is of the considered view that Smt Sreeja Vijayalakshmi is fit and suitable for appointment as Judge of the High Court of Kerala.

In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that Smt Sreeja Vijayalakshmi, Advocate, be appointed as Judge of the High Court of Kerala.

(Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud), CJI

(Sanjiv Khanna), J

(BR Gavai), J

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