

**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

The Collegium of the Supreme Court has recommended the names of following two Advocates as Judges of the High Court for the State of Telangana:

1. Shri Laxminarayana Alishetty, and
2. Shri Anil Kumar Jukanti.

The Chief Justice of the High Court for the State of Telangana in consultation with his two senior-most colleagues made the recommendation on 22 December 2022. The Chief Minister and the Governor for the State of Telangana have concurred in the recommendation.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, we have consulted Judges of the Supreme Court who are conversant with the affairs of the High Court for the State of Telangana in order to ascertain the suitability of the above-named candidates for elevation to the High Court.

For purpose of assessing the merit and suitability of the above-named advocates for elevation to the High Court, we have scrutinized and evaluated the material placed on record. We have also perused the observations made by the Department of Justice on the file.

**1. Shri Laxminarayana Alishetty**

We have considered the opinion of the consultee-Judges and the observations made by the Department of Justice in the file. The inputs provided in the file indicate that he enjoys a good personal and professional image and nothing adverse has come to notice with regard to his integrity. He has twenty six years of standing at the Bar and has specialization in writ litigation, arbitration and civil and commercial litigation. He has a good professional income which reflects on his extensive practice at the Bar. His appointment would add to the representation of the OBC category on the Bench of the High Court.

Having regard to the material on record and all relevant factors, the Collegium is of the considered view that Shri Laxminarayana Alishetty is deserving and suitable for being appointed as Judge of the High Court for the State of Telangana.

**2. Shri Anil Kumar Jukanti**

We have perused the opinion of the consultee-judges and the observations made in the file. The inputs provided by the Government in the file indicate that he enjoys a good personal and professional image and nothing adverse has come to notice with regard to his integrity. The candidate has put in more than twenty years of practice at the Bar. He has appeared in matters relating to taxation, civil and criminal law, service law and constitutional cases with specialization in taxation. Our consultee-colleagues have found him suitable for appointment as a Judge of the High Court.

Having regard to the above, the Collegium is of the considered view that Shri Anil Kumar Jukanti is suitable for being appointed as Judge of the High Court for the State of Telangana.

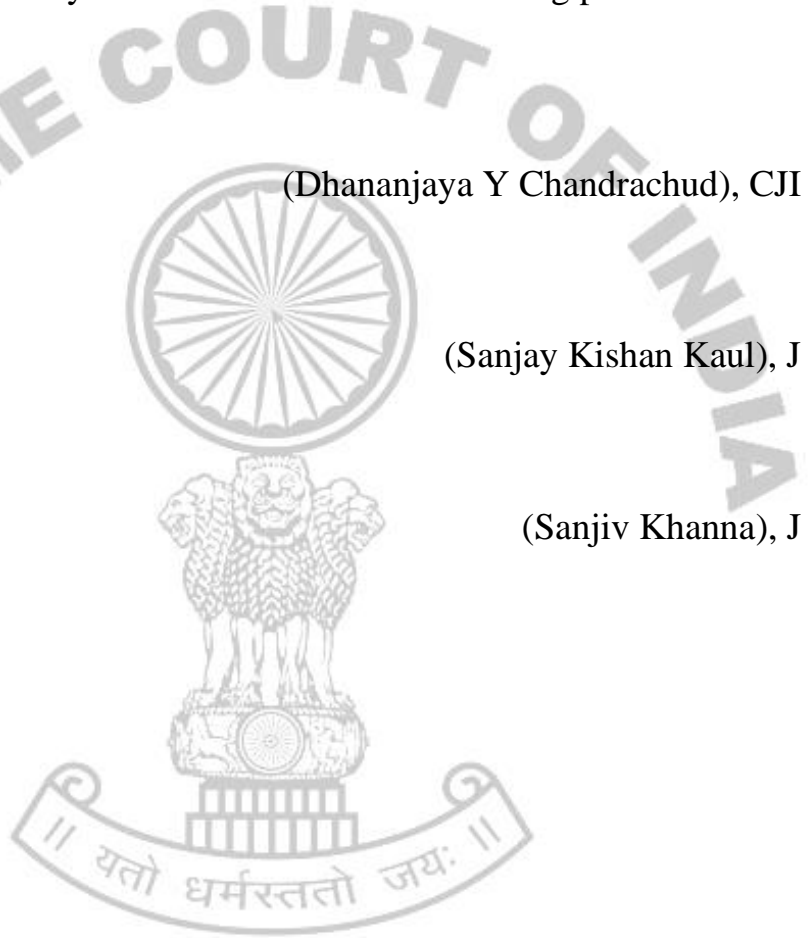
In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that S/Shri (1) Laxminarayana Alishetty, and (2) Anil Kumar Jukanti, Advocates, be appointed as Judges of the High Court for the State of Telangana. Their *inter se* seniority be fixed in terms of the existing practice.

(Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud), CJI

(Sanjay Kishan Kaul), J

(Sanjiv Khanna), J

12 July 2023



**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

The Collegium of the Supreme Court recommended the name of Smt Sujana Kalasikam, Judicial Officer, for appointment as a Judge of the High Court for the State of Telangana.

On 23 October 2022, the Chief Justice of the High Court for the State of Telangana made the recommendation in consultation with his two senior-most colleagues. We have considered the views given by the Chief Minister and the Governor of the State of Telangana.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, in order to ascertain the suitability of Smt Sujana Kalasikam for elevation to the High Court, we have consulted Judges of the Supreme Court who are conversant with the affairs of the High Court for the State of Telangana.

For the purpose of assessing the merit and suitability of Smt Sujana Kalasikam for elevation to the High Court, we have scrutinized and evaluated the material placed on record. We have also perused the observations made by the Department of Justice in the file.

The consultee-judges have concurrently found the candidate to be suitable for appointment as a Judge of the High Court. The inputs provided in the file indicate that she enjoys a good personal and professional image and nothing adverse has come to notice with regard to her integrity. Besides, the candidate also belongs to the backward category. Having regard to the

above, the Collegium is of the considered view that Smt. Sujana Kalasikam is suitable for appointment as a Judge of the High Court for the State of Telangana.

While considering the above proposal, the Collegium has also taken note of the fact that the above proposal involves non-recommendation of some senior Judicial Officers. We have scrutinised the reasons recorded by the High Court Collegium for not recommending their names and are in agreement with the same.

In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that Smt. Sujana Kalasikam, Judicial Officer, be appointed as Judge of the High Court for the State of Telangana.

( Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud ), CJI

( Sanjay Kishan Kaul ), J

( Sanjiv Khanna ), J

12 July 2023

**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

The Collegium of the Supreme Court recommended the names of the following two Advocates and one Judicial Officer, for appointment as Judges of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh:

**ADVOCATES**

1. Shri Ranjan Sharma, and
2. Shri Bipin Chander Negi.

**JUDICIAL OFFICER**

3. Shri Rakesh Kainthla.

The Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh in consultation with his two senior-most colleagues made the recommendation on 05 December 2022. The Chief Minister and the Governor of the State of Himachal Pradesh have concurred in the recommendation.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, we have consulted Judges of the Supreme Court who are conversant with the affairs of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh in order to ascertain the suitability of the above-named Advocates and Judicial Officer for elevation to the High Court of Himachal Pradesh.

For the purpose of assessing the merit and suitability of the candidates for elevation to the High Court of Himachal Pradesh, we have

scrutinized and evaluated the material placed on record. We have also perused the observations made by the Department of Justice in the file.

**1. Shri Ranjan Sharma, Advocate**

He was enrolled as an Advocate on 11 December 1991 and was designated as a Senior Advocate on 29 March 2019. He has extensive practice at the Bar. He is serving as an Additional Advocate General and has a reasonably good professional income. The inputs received from the Government indicate that he enjoys a good personal and professional image and nothing adverse has come to notice with regard to his integrity. The judges of the Supreme Court consulted in terms of the Memorandum of Procedure have concurrently found him suitable for appointment.

Having regard to the above, the Collegium is of the considered view that Shri Ranjan Sharma is suitable for being appointed as a Judge of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh.

**2. Shri Bipin Chander Negi, Advocate**

The candidate has been in practice at the Bar for the last 28 years. He was enrolled in 1994 and was designated as a Senior Advocate in 2015. He was appointed as an amicus curiae by the High Court in several matters. He is reported to have knowledge of diverse branches of law and has appeared before the High Court and district courts. He would have tenure of over seven years. The inputs provided by the Government in the file indicate that he enjoys a good personal and professional



image. Nothing adverse has come to notice with regard to his integrity. Our consultee-colleagues have unanimously opined that he is suitable for appointment. The candidate belongs to a Scheduled Tribe.

Having regard to the material on record and all relevant factors, the Collegium is of the considered view that Shri Bipin Chander Negi is suitable for being appointed as Judge of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh.

**3. Shri Rakesh Kainthla, Judicial Officer**

Shri Rakesh Kainthla joined judicial service on 07 August 1995. He has served as Judicial Officer in various capacities in the State. The inputs placed by the Government in the file indicate that he enjoys a good personal and professional image. Nothing adverse has come to notice with regard to his integrity. The consultee-judges have concurrently given a positive opinion about his suitability for appointment as a Judge of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh. Having regard to the material on record and all relevant factors, the Collegium is of the considered view that Shri Rakesh Kainthla is suitable for being appointed as a Judge of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh.

We have also taken note of the fact that the proposal involves non-recommendation of a senior Judicial Officer. We have gone through Minutes of the High Court Collegium wherein it is stated that he is ineligible to be considered for elevation. We accept the justification given by the High Court Collegium in the Minutes for not recommending the name of the senior Judicial Officer.



In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that S/Shri (1) Ranjan Sharma, (2) Bipin Chander Negi, Advocates and (3) Rakesh Kainthla, Judicial Officer, be appointed as Judges of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh. Their *inter se* seniority be fixed as per the existing practice.

( Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud ), CJI

( Sanjay Kishan Kaul ), J

( Sanjiv Khanna ), J

12 July 2023



**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

The Collegium of the Supreme Court recommended the names of three Additional Judges for appointment as permanent Judges of the High Court at Calcutta in the following terms:

- (i) Shri Justice Krishna Rao,
- (ii) Shri Justice Bibhas Ranjan De, and
- (iii) Shri Justice Ajoy Kumar Mukherjee,

On 14 March 2023, the Chief Justice of the High Court at Calcutta made the recommendation in consultation with his two senior-most colleagues. The Chief Minister and the Governor of the State of West Bengal have conveyed their agreement with the recommendation.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure judges of the Supreme Court who are conversant with the functioning of the High Court at Calcutta have been consulted with a view to ascertain the suitability of the above additional judges for being appointed as permanent judges.

The 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.

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. Having considered all aspects of the matter

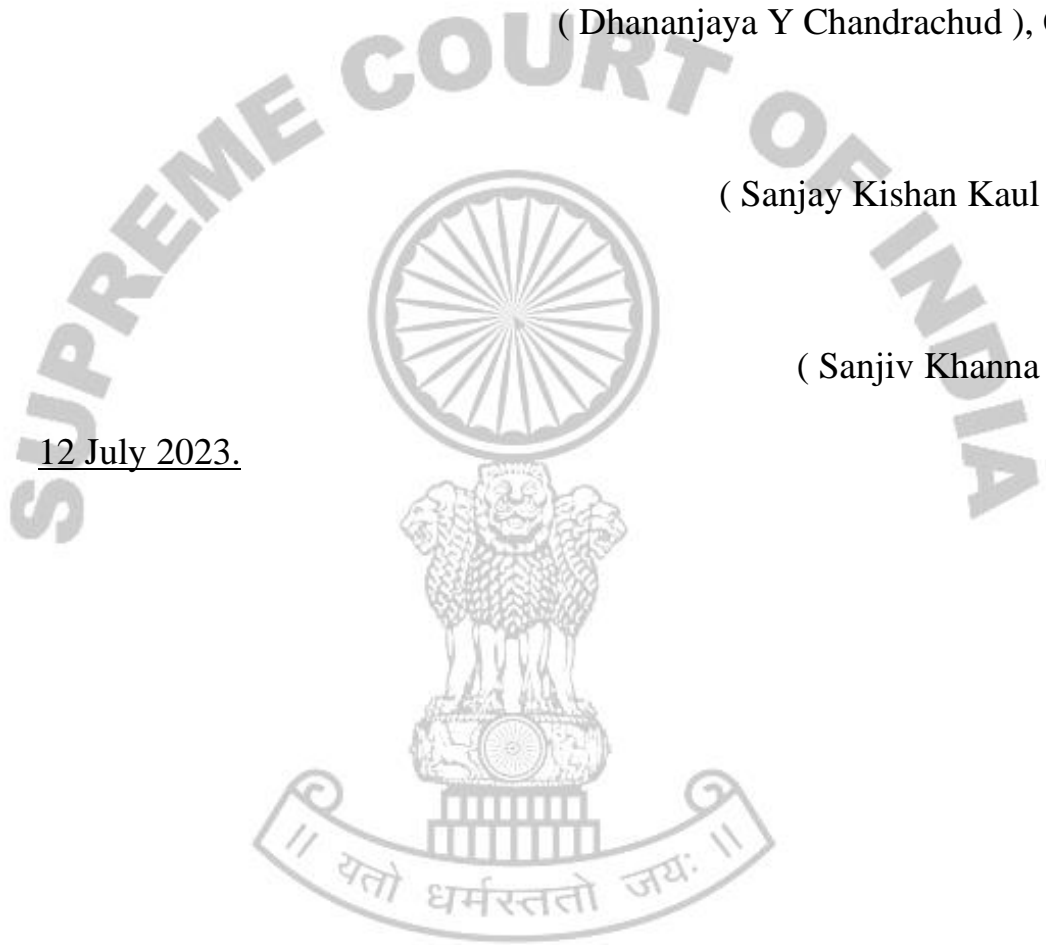
and on an overall consideration of the above proposal, the Collegium resolves to recommend that S/Shri Justices (i) Krishna Rao, (ii) Bibhas Ranjan De, and (iii) Ajoy Kumar Mukherjee, Additional Judges, be appointed as permanent Judges of the High Court at Calcutta.

( Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud ), CJI

( Sanjay Kishan Kaul ), J

( Sanjiv Khanna ), J

12 July 2023.



**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

The Collegium of the Supreme Court recommended the names of two Additional Judges for appointment as permanent Judges of the High Court of Bombay in the following terms:

- (i) Shri Justice Anil Laxman Pansare, and
- (ii) Shri Justice Sandipkumar Chandrabhan More.

On 12 April 2023, the Collegium of the High Court of Bombay unanimously recommended the above-named two Additional Judges for appointment as Permanent Judges of that High Court. The Chief Ministers and Governors of Maharashtra and Goa have concurred with the above recommendation.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, Judges of the Supreme Court who are conversant with the functioning of the High Court of Bombay were consulted with a view to ascertain the suitability of the above 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.

With a view to assess the merit and suitability of the above-named Additional Judges for appointment as Permanent Judges, the Collegium

has scrutinized and evaluated the material placed on record. Having considered all aspects of the proposal, the Collegium is of the view that S/Shri Justices (i) Anil Laxman Pansare, and (ii) Sandipkumar Chandrabhan More, Additional Judges, are fit and suitable for being appointed as Permanent Judges.

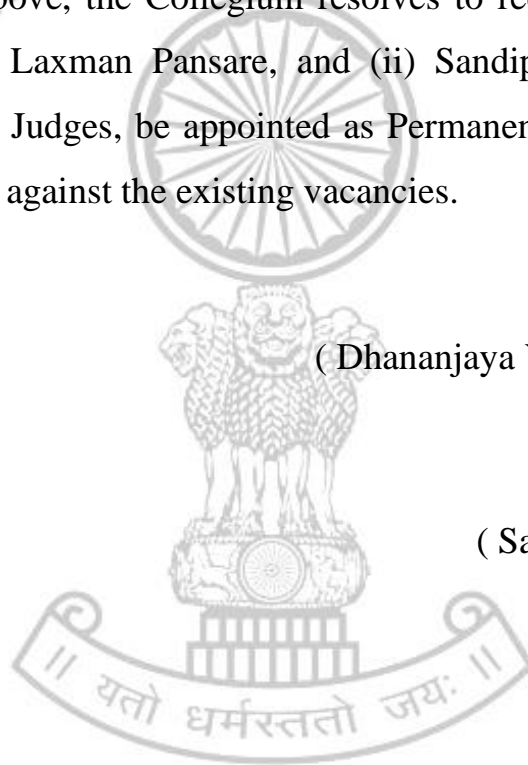
In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that S/Shri Justices (i) Anil Laxman Pansare, and (ii) Sandipkumar Chandrabhan More, Additional Judges, be appointed as Permanent Judges of the High Court of Bombay against the existing vacancies.

( Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud ), CJI

( Sanjay Kishan Kaul ), J

( Sanjiv Khanna ), J

12 July 2023



**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

The Collegium of the Supreme Court recommended the name of Shri Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari, Additional Judge, for appointment as permanent Judge of the High Court of Chhattisgarh in the following terms:

On 11 April 2023, the Collegium of the High Court of Chhattisgarh unanimously recommended the name of Shri Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari, for appointment as permanent Judge of that High Court. The Chief Minister and the Governor of the State of Chhattisgarh have concurred with the above recommendation.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, we have consulted a Judge of the Supreme Court, who is conversant with the functioning of the High Court of Chhattisgarh, with a view to ascertain the suitability of Shri Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari, Additional Judge for being appointed as a permanent Judge.

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 Shri Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari.

The Collegium has scrutinized and evaluated the material placed on record with a view to assess the merit and suitability of Shri Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari for appointment as a permanent Judge. Having considered all aspects of the matter, the Collegium is of the view that



Shri Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari, Additional Judge is fit and suitable for being appointed as a permanent Judge.

In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that Shri Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari, Additional Judge, be appointed as a permanent Judge of the High Court of Chhattisgarh against an existing vacancy.

( Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud ), CJI

( Sanjay Kishan Kaul ), J

( Sanjiv Khanna ), J

12 July 2023



**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

The Collegium of the Supreme Court recommended the names of five Additional Judges for appointment as permanent Judges of the Gauhati High Court in the following terms:

- (i) Shri Justice Kakheto Sema,
- (ii) Shri Justice Devashis Baruah,
- (iii) Ms. Justice Malasri Nandi,
- (iv) Ms. Justice Marli Vankung, and
- (v) Shri Justice Arun Dev Choudhury.

On 10 May 2023, the Collegium of the Gauhati High Court unanimously recommended the above-named five Additional Judges for appointment as permanent Judges of that High Court. The Chief Ministers and Governors of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh have concurred with the above recommendation.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, Judges of the Supreme Court who are conversant with the functioning of the Gauhati High Court were consulted with a view to ascertain the suitability of the above-named 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.

With a view to assess the merit and suitability of the above-named Additional Judges for appointment as permanent Judges, the Collegium has scrutinized and evaluated the material placed on record. Having regard to all aspects of the proposal, the Collegium is of the view that S/Shri Justices (i) Kakheto Sema, (ii) Devashis Baruah, (iii) Ms. Malasri Nandi, (iv) Ms. Marli Vankung, and (v) Arun Dev Choudhury, Additional Judges, are fit and suitable for being appointed as permanent Judges.

In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that S/Shri Justices (i) Kakheto Sema, (ii) Devashis Baruah, (iii) Ms. Malasri Nandi, (iv) Ms. Marli Vankung, and (v) Arun Dev Choudhury, Additional Judges, be appointed as permanent Judges of the Gauhati High Court against the existing vacancies.

( Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud ), CJI

( Sanjay Kishan Kaul ), J

( Sanjiv Khanna ), J

12 July 2023

**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

The Collegium of the Supreme Court recommended the names of four Additional Judges for appointment as permanent Judges of the High Court of Kerala in the following terms:

- (i) Shri Justice Basant Balaji,
- (ii) Shri Justice Chandrasekharan Kartha Jayachandran,
- (iii) Smt. Justice Sophy Thomas, and
- (iv) Shri Justice Puthen Veedu Gopala Pillai Ajithkumar.

On 17 March 2023, the Collegium of the High Court of Kerala unanimously recommended the Additional Judges whose names are set out above for appointment as permanent Judges of that High Court. The Chief Minister and the Governor of the State of Kerala have concurred with the above recommendation.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, Judges of the Supreme Court who are conversant with the functioning of the High Court of Kerala were consulted with a view to ascertain the suitability of the above-named 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.

With a view to assess the merit and suitability of the above-named Additional Judges for appointment as permanent Judges, we have scrutinized and evaluated the material placed on record. Having taken into consideration all aspects of the matter, the Collegium is of the view that S/Shri Justices (i) Basant Balaji (ii) Chandrasekharan Kartha Jayachandran, (iii) Smt. Sophy Thomas, and (iv) Puthen Veedu Gopala Pillai Ajithkumar, Additional Judges, are fit and suitable for being appointed as permanent Judges.

In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that S/Shri Justices (i) Basant Balaji (ii) Chandrasekharan Kartha Jayachandran, (iii) Smt. Sophy Thomas, and (iv) Puthen Veedu Gopala Pillai Ajithkumar, Additional Judges, be appointed as permanent Judges of the High Court of Kerala against the existing vacancies.

(Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud ), CJI

( Sanjay Kishan Kaul ), J

( Sanjiv Khanna ), J

12 July 2023