

**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

Justice T Raja is the seniormost puisne Judge of the Madras High Court (Date of Appointment - 31 March 2009). By its resolution dated 16 November 2022, the Collegium proposed the transfer of Justice T Raja as a Judge of the High Court of Rajasthan. By his communication dated 23 November 2022, Justice T Raja had sought reconsideration of his transfer. Upon reconsideration, on 24 November 2022, the Collegium affirmed its earlier decision to transfer him as a Judge of the High Court of Rajasthan.

The Collegium has, by its resolution dated 19 April 2023, proposed the appointment of Justice Augustine G Masih as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Rajasthan. Justice Masih, who was appointed as a Judge on 10 July 2008 is senior in appointment to Justice T Raja who was appointed as a Judge on 31 March 2009. The Collegium resolves that the transfer of Justice T Raja as a Judge of the High Court of Rajasthan be effectuated at the earliest. His continuation

even as a Judge of the Madras High Court cannot be an impediment to the appointment of Justice S V Gangapurwala as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court.

( Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud ), CJI

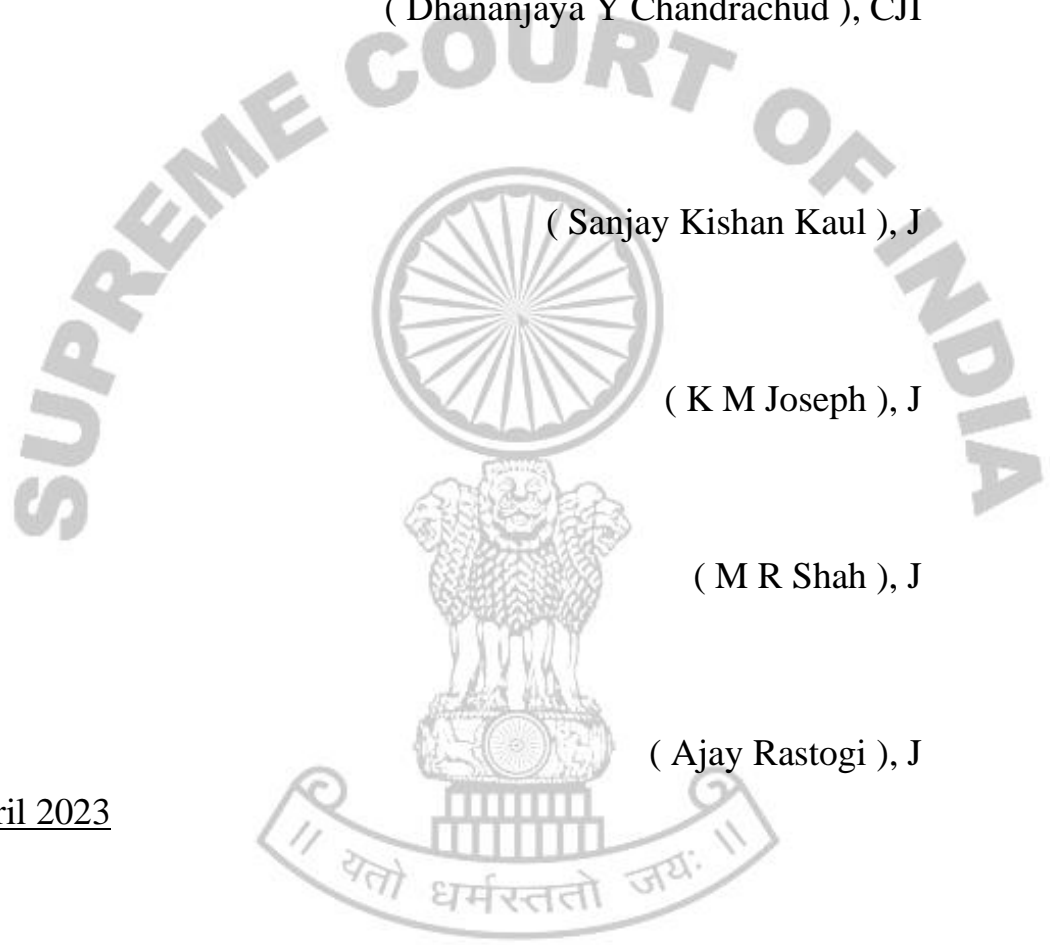
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The Collegium resolved on 28 September 2022 to transfer Dr Justice S Muralidhar, Chief Justice of the High Court of Orissa to the Madras High Court. The recommendation has remained pending with the Government of India since then without any response. Dr Justice Muralidhar now demits office on 7 August 2023 leaving less than 4 months' time.

In view of this delay, the resolution recommending the transfer of Dr Justice S Muralidhar is recalled to facilitate the appointment of a permanent Chief Justice in the Madras High Court by the appointment of Justice S V Gangapurwala as its Chief Justice, as the High Court has remained without a permanent Chief Justice for more than 6 months.

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