



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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The Supreme Court Collegium has approved the proposal for appointment of Mr Justice Rajesh Sekhri, Additional Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, for a fresh term of one year in the following terms:

On 23 April 2024, the Collegium of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh recommended that Mr Justice Rajesh Sekhri, be appointed as an Additional Judge for a fresh term, there being no vacancy of permanent Judge against which he could be considered.

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 Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with a view to ascertain the fitness and suitability of Mr Justice Rajesh Sekhri for appointment as Additional Judge for a fresh term.

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 assessed the judgments of Mr Justice Rajesh Sekhri. The Committee has reported that the judgments authored by him are well-reasoned, contain an analysis of the facts of the cases and are backed by appropriate case laws.

With a view to assess the merit and suitability of Mr Justice Rajesh Sekhri for appointment as an Additional Judge for a fresh term, the Collegium has scrutinized and evaluated the material placed on record.



Having regard to all the relevant factors, the Collegium is of the considered view that Mr Justice Rajesh Sekhri is suitable for appointment as an Additional Judge of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh for a fresh term.

In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that Mr Justice Rajesh Sekhri be appointed as an Additional Judge of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh for a fresh term of one year with effect from 29 July 2024.

(Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud), CJI

(Sanjiv Khanna), J

(B R Gavai), J

17 May 2024