



## **SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the appointment of the following three Additional Judges of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh, as permanent Judges of that High Court, in the following terms:

- (i) Shri Justice Boppana Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Chakravarthi,
- (ii) Shri Justice Tallapragada Mallikarjuna Rao, and
- (iii) Shri Justice Duppala Venkata Ramana.

On 24 February 2023, the Collegium of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh unanimously recommended that the three Additional Judges whose names are set out above be appointed as permanent Judges of that High Court. The Chief Minister and the Governor of Andhra Pradesh concurred with the above recommendation.

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 Additional Judges. The Committee has rated the quality of their judgments as “good.”



In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, judges of the Supreme Court conversant with the functioning of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh were consulted with a view to ascertain the suitability of the above Judges for being appointed as permanent Judges.

On 17 August 2023, the Supreme Court Collegium having regard to the views of the consultee-Judges and the fact that the above Additional Judges had served only for about a year, deferred consideration of the above proposal.

Two senior-most Judges of the Supreme Court (outside the Collegium at the relevant time) held a personal interaction with Mr Justice D V Ramana on 29 January 2024. They perused the statements of judicial disposal and the judgments authored by Justice D V Ramana during his tenure of about one and a half year as an Additional Judge in two High Courts. They have, therefore, recommended his confirmation as a permanent Judge of the High Court.

With a view to assess the merit and suitability of the above Additional Judges for appointment as permanent Judges, we have scrutinized and evaluated the material placed on record. Having considered all aspects of the matter and on an overall consideration of the above proposal, the Collegium is of the considered view that



the above Additional Judges deserve to be appointed as permanent Judges of the High Court.

In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that:

- A. Shri Justice Boppana Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Chakravarthi and Shri Justice Tallapragada Mallikarjuna Rao, Additional Judges, be appointed as permanent Judges of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh against two of the existing vacancies; and
- B. Shri Justice Duppala Venkata Ramana, Additional Judge (PHC: Andhra Pradesh), be appointed as a permanent Judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh against one of the existing vacancies available in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh.

( Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud ), CJI

( Sanjiv Khanna ), J

( B R Gavai ), J

13 February 2024.



**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the appointment of the following Additional Judges of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, as permanent Judges of that High Court, in the following terms:

- (i) Mr Justice Kuldeep Tiwari,
- (ii) Mr Justice Gurbir Singh,
- (iii) Mr Justice Deepak Gupta,
- (iv) Ms Justice Amarjot Bhatti,
- (v) Ms Justice Ritu Tagore,
- (vi) Ms Justice Manisha Batra,
- (vii) Ms Justice Harpreet Kaur Jeewan,
- (viii) Ms Justice Sukhvinder Kaur,
- (ix) Mr Justice Sanjiv Berry, and
- (x) Mr Justice Vikram Aggarwal.

On 6 October 2023, the Collegium of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana unanimously recommended for appointment of the Additional Judges whose names are set out above as permanent Judges of that High Court. The Chief Ministers and the Governors for the States of Punjab and Haryana have not conveyed their views on the above



recommendation. The Department of Justice has forwarded the above recommendation by invoking Para 14 of the Memorandum of Procedure which provides that if the comments of the constitutional authorities in the State are not received within the prescribed time-frame, it should be presumed by the Minister of Law and Justice that the Governor and the Chief Minister have nothing to add to the proposal and proceed accordingly.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, the Judges of the Supreme Court conversant with the affairs of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana were consulted with a view to ascertain the suitability of the above Additional Judges for being appointed as permanent Judges. They have concurrently opined that all the Additional Judges are fit and suitable for confirmation 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 “very good/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 including 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 Kuldeep Tiwari, (ii) Mr Justice Gurbir Singh, (iii) Mr Justice Deepak Gupta, (iv) Ms Justice Amarjot Bhatti, (v) Ms Justice Ritu Tagore, (vi) Ms Justice Manisha Batra, (vii) Ms Justice Harpreet Kaur Jeewan, (viii) Ms Justice Sukhvinder Kaur, (ix) Mr Justice Sanjiv Berry and (x) Mr Justice Vikram Aggarwal, 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 Kuldeep Tiwari, (ii) Mr Justice Gurbir Singh, (iii) Mr Justice Deepak Gupta, (iv) Ms Justice Amarjot Bhatti, (v) Ms Justice Ritu Tagore, (vi) Ms Justice Manisha Batra, (vii) Ms Justice Harpreet Kaur Jeewan, (viii) Ms Justice Sukhvinder Kaur, (ix) Mr Justice Sanjiv Berry and (x) Mr Justice Vikram Aggarwal, Additional Judges, be appointed as permanent Judges of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana against the existing vacancies.

( Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud ), CJI

( Sanjiv Khanna ), J

( B R Gavai ), J

13 February 2024



**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

**Re: Request of Mr Justice Sujoy Paul, Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh for transfer.**

By a communication dated 12 February 2024, Mr Justice Sujoy Paul has sought a transfer on the ground that his son is practicing in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

The Collegium accedes to the request and resolves to recommend that Mr Justice Sujoy Paul be transferred, in the interests of the better administration of justice, to the High Court for the State of Telangana.

(Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud), CJI

(Sanjiv Khanna), J

(B R Gavai), J

(Surya Kant), J

(Aniruddha Bose), J

13 February 2024.



**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

**Re: Request of Ms Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya, Judge,  
High Court at Calcutta for transfer.**

By a communication dated 12 February 2024, Ms Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya has sought a transfer from the High Court at Calcutta to any other High Court for personal reasons.

The Collegium accedes to the request and resolves to recommend that Ms Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya be transferred, in the interests of the better administration of justice, to the High Court for the State of Telangana.

( Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud ), CJI

( Sanjiv Khanna ), J

( B R Gavai ), J

( Surya Kant ), J

(Aniruddha Bose), J

13 February 2024.





**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

**Re: Request of Ms Justice Anu Sivaraman, Judge, High Court of Kerala for transfer.**

By a communication dated 16 October 2023 Ms Justice Anu Sivaraman has sought a transfer out of the State of Kerala.

The Collegium accedes to the request and resolves to recommend that Ms. Justice Anu Sivaraman be transferred, in the interests of the better administration of justice, to the High Court of Karnataka.

(Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud), CJI

(Sanjiv Khanna), J

(B R Gavai), J

(Surya Kant), J

(Aniruddha Bose), J

13 February 2024.