



SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

Re: Appointment of Mr. Justice D. Krishnakumar, Judge, Madras High Court as Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur.

A vacancy in the office of the Chief Justice of High Court of Manipur would arise consequent upon the retirement of Mr. Justice Siddharth Mridul on 21st November 2024. Therefore, appointment to that office is required to be made.

Para 3 of the Memorandum of Procedure relating to appointment of Chief Justice of a High Court provides as under:

“A fair representation shall be given to various High Courts for selection of Chief Justices. For purposes of such selection, inter-se seniority of puisne Judges will be reckoned on the basis of their seniority in their own High Court. The consideration for appointment of Chief Justices shall be based on the criterion of seniority subject to merit and integrity.”

It is proposed to appoint Mr. Justice D. Krishnakumar, presently serving as a Judge of the Madras High Court, as the Chief Justice of High Court of Manipur with effect from the date on which the incumbent Chief Justice demits office on retirement.

Mr. Justice D. Krishnakumar was appointed as a Judge of the Madras High Court on 07th April 2016 and is due to retire on 21st May 2025. He is the senior-most puisne Judge in his parent High Court and belongs to a Backward Community. Before his elevation as a Judge



of the High Court, he had extensive practice in civil, Constitutional and service matters in the High Court, with specialization in Constitutional law. He is a competent judge with a sound legal acumen. He is endowed with high level of integrity and honesty.

While recommending the name of Mr. Justice D. Krishnakumar, the Collegium has also taken into consideration the fact that at present there is only one Chief Justice from the Madras High Court among the Chief Justices of the High Courts.

Having regard to all relevant factors, the Collegium is of the considered view that Mr. Justice D. Krishnakumar is fit and suitable in all respects for being appointed as the Chief Justice of High Court of Manipur.

The Collegium, therefore, resolves to recommend that Mr. Justice D. Krishnakumar be appointed as the Chief Justice of High Court of Manipur consequent upon the retirement of Mr. Justice Siddharth Mridul on 21st November 2024.

(Sanjiv Khanna), CJI

(B R Gavai), J

(Surya Kant), J

18 November 2024.