

Special Courts for economic offences

†*2247. SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating upon setting up special courts for hearing of cases related to economic offences;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received suggestions from social organizations another individuals in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pending cases in Gauhati High Court

2248. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of pending cases in Gauhati High Court and its benches, as on date along with the details of civil and criminal cases separately;
- (b) the number of pending cases in subordinate courts in Assam, as on date;
- (c) whether Government propose to increase the number of judges in Gauhati High Court and subordinate courts in the State in consultation with the State Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) As per information received from High Court of Gauhati, 44,099 civil and 8,774 criminal cases are pending in the High Court of Gauhati and its benches, and 70,634 civil and 1,82,794 criminal cases are pending in the subordinate courts in the State of Assam as on 31.12.2012.

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(c) to (e) Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court has sent a proposal for revisiting the strength of Judges in Gauhati High Court following the transfer of the judges to the newly created High Courts in Manipur, Tripura and Meghalaya. As regards the increase in number of judges of the Subordinate Courts, this is within the domain of State Government and the High Court concerned. The Supreme Court has, in its Judgment in the case of Brij Mohan Lal and others *versus* Union of India and others given on 19.04.2012, directed that 10% additional posts be created in the subordinate judiciary. The Supreme Court has further directed that funding requirement for implementation of this decision should be met by the Central and State Governments on a matching basis. The Central Government has thereafter decided to provide funds up to Rs. 80.00 crore per annum for salaries of the 10% additional positions of Judges being created in the subordinate judiciary.

Night courts in jails

‡2249. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has suggested to Government to hold night courts in jails for the disposal of petty crimes; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission has not made such a suggestion.

Putting tribunals under one Ministry

2250. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the vacancies and pending cases in various tribunals under various Ministries and legislations;

(b) whether Government is proposing to bring all the tribunals under the administration of the Ministry of Law and Justice as directed by the Supreme Court;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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