

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1215

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 29.07.2021

SC/ST Judges in Courts

1215. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD:

Will the Minister of **LAW AND JUSTICE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and number of vacancies of Judges in the Supreme Court against the sanctioned strength;
- (b) the details and number of vacancies of Judges in High Courts across the country , State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the total number of SC/ST Judges in the Supreme Court and the percentage of representation of SCs/STs; and
- (d) the details and number of SC/ST Judges in High Courts across the country, State-wise details with percentage of SCs/STs representation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (b) : A Statement showing sanctioned strength of Judges and vacancies in the Supreme Court and High Courts as on 20.07.2021 is at **Annexure.**

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(c) to (d) : Appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts is made under Articles 124, 217 and 224 of the Constitution of India, which do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of persons. Hence no class/category wise data is maintained centrally. However, the Government has been requesting the Chief Justices of High Courts that while sending proposals for appointment of Judges, due consideration be given to suitable candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities and Women to ensure social diversity in appointment of Judges in High Courts.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (b) of Unstarred Question No. 1215 to be answered in Rajya Sabha on 29.07.2021 regarding ‘SC/ST Judges in Courts’ by Shri K. Somaprasad

(Position as on 20.07.2021)

Sl. No.	Name of the Court	Sanctioned Strength	Working Strength	Vacancies
A.	Supreme Court of India	34	26	08
B.	High Courts			
1	Allahabad	160	94	66
2	Andhra Pradesh	37	19	18
3	Bombay	94	63	31
4	Calcutta	72	31	41
5	Chhattisgarh	22	14	08
6	Delhi	60	30	30
7	Gauhati	24	20	04
8	Gujarat	52	28	24
9	Himachal Pradesh	13	10	03
10	J & K and Ladakh	17	11	06
11	Jharkhand	25	15	10
12	Karnataka	62	47	15
13	Kerala	47	37	10
14	Madhya Pradesh	53	29	24
15	Madras	75	58	17
16	Manipur	05	05	0
17	Meghalaya	04	04	0
18	Orissa	27	13	14
19	Patna	53	19	34
20	Punjab & Haryana	85	46	39
21	Rajasthan	50	23	27
22	Sikkim	03	03	0
23	Telangana	42	14	28
24	Tripura	05	04	01
25	Uttarakhand	11	07	04
Total		1098	644	454