

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 110**

**ANSWERED ON 02/02/2023**

**Number of Supreme Court and High Court judges**

**110. Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

**Will the Minister of *Law and Justice* be pleased to state:**

- a) total number of Supreme Court and High Court (HC) judges appointed during the last five years, year-wise;
- b) number and proportion of these appointed judges coming from Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and religious-minorities, year-wise;
- c) number and proportion of women in these judicial appointments, year-wise;
- d) number and proportion of judges from SCs, STs, OBCs, religious-minorities and women appointed in district/subordinate courts during the last five years, year-wise;
- e) whether the Chief Justices of HCs and the Supreme Court have responded to Government's requests for enhancing social diversity in higher judiciary; and
- f) if so, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE**

**(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

(a) to (f): 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 reservation for any caste or class of persons. A statement showing total number of judges appointed each year in the Supreme Court and High Courts since 2018 may be seen at **Annexure-I**.

However, the available information regarding the category/caste of High Court Judges, which is indicated by the recommendee at the time of their recommendation for appointment as High Court Judge by the High Court Collegium (HCC), has been compiled and its breakup is produced below:-

<b>Year</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>OBC</b>	<b>Minority</b>	<b>Not Available</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Women</b>
2018	82	2	2	5	6	11	<b>108</b>	11
2019	64	3	1	8	3	2	<b>81</b>	7
2020	52	2	-	11	1	-	<b>66</b>	13
2021	85	5	2	15	13	-	<b>120</b>	17
2022	137	6	-	17	5	-	<b>165</b>	34
2023	10	1	1	2	-	-	<b>14</b>	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>84</b>

The Government remains committed to social diversity in the appointment of Judges in the Higher Judiciary and 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.

Under Article 235 of the Constitution of India, the administrative control over the members of district and subordinate judiciary in the States vest with the concerned High Court. Further, in exercise of powers conferred under proviso to Article 309 read with Articles 233 and 234 of the Constitution, the respective State Government, in consultation with the High Court, frames the Rules and Regulations regarding the issues of appointment, promotion, reservations, etc. of Judicial Officers in the State Judicial Service. Hence, in so far as recruitment of judicial officers in the States is concerned, respective High Courts do it in certain States, whereas the High Courts do it in consultation with the State Public Service Commissions in other States. Central Government has no direct role in the matter.

The information related to religious-minorities is not centrally maintained. However, the current position of working strength of SC/ST/OBC and women judges, cadre-wise in District and Subordinate Courts as on 30.01.2023 is at **Annexure-II**.

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**Annexure-I**  
(As on 30.01.2023)

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (f) of the Unstarred Question No. 110 regarding “Number of Supreme Court and High Court judges”, to be answered on 02.02.2023.

		Years						Total
Supreme Court		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
		08	10	-	09	03		<b>30</b>
<b>High Courts</b>								
Sl. No.	Name	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
1.	Allahabad	28	10	04	17	13	-	72
2.	Andhra Pradesh	-	02	07	02	14	2	27
3.	Bombay	04	11	04	06	19	1	45
4.	Calcutta	11	06	01	08	16	-	42
5.	Chhattisgarh	04	-	-	03	3	-	10
6.	Delhi	05	04	-	02	17	-	28
7.	Gauhati	02	04	-	06	2	-	14
8.	Gujarat	04	03	07	07	-	-	21
9.	Himachal Pradesh	-	02	-	01	2	-	5
10.	J&K & Ladakh	02	-	05	02	4	-	13
11.	Jharkhand	03	02	-	04	1	-	10
12.	Karnataka	12	10	10	06	6	2	46
13.	Kerala	04	01	06	12	1	-	24
14.	Madhya Pradesh	08	02	-	08	6	-	24
15.	Madras	08	01	10	05	4	-	28
16.	Manipur	-	-	01	-	-	-	1
17.	Meghalaya	01	01	-	-	-	-	2
18.	Orissa	01	01	02	04	6	-	14
19.	Patna	-	04	-	06	11	-	21
20.	Punjab & Haryana	07	10	01	06	21	-	45
21.	Rajasthan	-	03	06	08	2	9	28
22.	Sikkim	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23.	Telangana	-	03	01	07	17	-	28
24.	Tripura	01	-	01	-	-	-	2
25.	Uttarakhand	03	01	-	-	-	-	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>108</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>554</b>

## Annexure-II

## Working Strength of SC/ST/OBC and women judges in District and Subordinate Courts as on 30.01.2023

Sl. No.	States &UTs	Civil Judge(Junior Division)				Civil Judge(Senior Division)				District Judge/DJ			
		SC	ST	OBC	Women	SC	ST	OBC	Women	SC	ST	OBC	Women
1	Andhra Pradesh	39	16	113	0	32	12	45	0	19	1	45	0
2	Delhi	55	6	0	165	9	1	0	19	8	1	0	95
3	Karnataka	76	15	134	194	49	7	135	120	59	9	92	89
4	Rajasthan	65	58	103	260	46	29	119	121	47	22	88	125
5	Nagaland	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7
6	Puducherry	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
7	Tamil Nadu	120	6	364	216	57	3	233	99	43	1	212	111
8	Telangana	33	18	80	116	17	11	53	50	13	7	52	50
9	D & N Haveli	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
11	Goa	0	2	0	15	0	0	1	8	0	0	1	5
12	Maharashtra	140	2	266	346	43	3	128	139	44	2	106	112
13	Sikkim	0	2	5	5	0	0	3	3	0	5	8	5
14	Meghalaya	0	19	0	14	0	14	0	9	0	15	0	9
15	Manipur	1	4	3	5	1	5	4	10	1	4	0	4
16	Jharkhand	20	55	19	85	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	10
17	Andaman and Nicobar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	West Bengal	0	0	0	210	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	40
19	Arunachal Pradesh	0	12	0	5	0	11	0	4	0	9	1	1
20	Assam	15	22	0	116	7	16	0	58	0	0	0	30
21	Bihar	115	9	254	256	62	5	22	33	35	1	50	38
22	Chandigarh	3	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
23	Chhattisgarh	27	65	34	97	19	31	13	39	27	27	36	44
24	Gujarat	54	1	30	103	50	4	154	75	9	0	34	50
25	Haryana	38	0	34	69	26	0	16	59	22	0	15	50
26	Himachal Pradesh	9	4	8	35	7	2	3	14	7	2	2	7
27	Jammu and Kashmir	9	8	2	39	6	6	2	19	7	3	2	13
28	Kerala	16	1	82	114	13	0	50	41	7	1	109	51
29	Ladakh	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1
30	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
31	Madhya Pradesh	125	97	133	384	59	81	45	132	74	56	98	103

32	Odisha	17	0	53	183	0	0	0	114	0	0	0	44
33	Punjab	79	0	45	156	36	0	20	59	27	0	18	55
34	Tripura	5	7	0	18	4	9	0	16	4	7	0	4
35	Uttar Pradesh	193	15	273	406	151	11	189	170	143	7	343	218
36	Uttarakhand	16	3	13	44	16	4	15	39	15	8	11	22
37	Mizoram	0	16	0	13	0	10	0	2	0	15	0	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1270</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>2055</b>	<b>3684</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>1574</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>1329</b>	<b>1406</b>