

# 'Codebook for Dataset on Indian High Court Judges'

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Note: For Information collected for all judges in the High Courts of India appointed after **6<sup>th</sup> October 1993**.

#### List of sources for data curation:

1. High Court Websites
2. Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India

#### Column A - Name of the Judge

Definition - Name of the judge as it appears in source website

Type - Text

#### Column B - Gender

Format - Male/Female

Type - Categorical

Note - There is no instance of a transgender person being appointed in any of the High Courts

#### Column C – Religion

Format - Hindu/Muslim/Christian/Sikh/Buddhist/Jain/Zoroastrianism

Type - Categorical

#### Column D – Caste

Format - General/Dalit/OBC/ST

Type - Categorical

#### Column E – Date of Birth

Format - DD-MM-YYYY

Type - Date

#### Column F – State of Birth

Name of the State

Type - Text

#### Column G – Place of Birth

Format - City/Town/Village/District (Either - Whatever is available)

Type - Text

#### Column H - Date of Appointment

Format - DD-MM-YYYY

Type - Date

### **Column I - Date of Retirement**

Format - DD-MM-YYYY

Type - Date

### **Column J - If Died in Office**

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

### **Column K - If resigned from office**

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

### **Column L – Parent High Court**

Definition - The High Court in which a person first became a judge.

Type - Text

### **Column M – If transferred to any other High Court**

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

Note - Mention the name of the high-court at the time of transfer.

### **Column N – If yes, which High Court 1**

Definition - Name of the High Court

Type - Text

### **Column O – Date of such transfer - 1**

Format - DD-MM-YYYY

Type - Date

### **Column P – If yes, which High Court 2**

Definition - Name of the High Court

Type - Text

### **Column Q – Date of such transfer – 2**

Format - DD-MM-YYYY

Type - Date

### **Column R – If yes, which High Court 3**

Definition - Name of the High Court

Type - Text

### **Column S – Date of such transfer - 3**

Format - DD-MM-YYYY

Type - Date

### **Column T – If appointed Chief Justice in another High Court**

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

Note - If the Judge was/is an acting Chief Justice, then in that case, select No. Acting CJs are not recognized as CJs and do not have any post-retirement eligibility which CJs have.

### **Column U – If yes, which High Court – 1**

Definition - Name of the High Court

Type - Text

### **Column V - If yes, which High Court – 2**

Definition - Name of the High Court

Type - Text

### **Column W - If yes, which High Court – 3**

Definition - Name of the High Court

Type - Text

### **Column X – If appointed to the Supreme Court**

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

### **Column Y – Date of appointment to the Supreme Court**

Format - DD-MM-YY

Type - Date

### **Column Z – Cadre**

Format - Service/Bar

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable identifies the professional stream from which a judge has been appointed.

**Service-** High Court judges who were serving in the lower judiciary at the time of being appointed to the High Court

**Bar-** High Court judges who were practicing as advocates at the time of being appointed to the High Court

### **Column AA – Experience in Subordinate Judiciary**

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable ascertains if a judge in the High Court ever served in the judiciary. For all judges in the Cadre of service, the answer would be Yes. For judges in the cadre of Bar, the answer would be Yes if they had joined the subordinate judiciary and then resigned from the service. Otherwise, for judges in the cadre of Bar, it would be 'No'.

### **Column AB – Litigation Experience**

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable ascertains if a judge in the High Court ever practiced as an advocate. For all judges in the Bar cadre, the answer would be yes. For judges in the Service cadre, the answer would be Yes only if they practised as an advocate before joining the judicial service.

### **Column AC – If a Senior Advocate**

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges from the Bar cadre. For judges from the service cadre, the answer would be NA.

### **Column AD – Experience in High Court Administrative Post**

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior experience in subordinate judiciary. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

### **Column AE – If served as Government Counsel**

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

### **Column AF – If served as Advocate General**

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

### **Column AG – If empanelled by PSUs**

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

### **Column AH – If empanelled by Banks**

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

### **Column AI – If empanelled by any Statutory Body**

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

### **Column AJ – If empanelled by Private Companies**

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

### **Column AK – Chamber Details**

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

*Generally, lawyers in India join the offices of a senior counsel and learn the nuances of the profession. This is known as joining a chamber. The chamber a lawyer joins can be categorized as part of his/her employment history, although the typical arrangement is not always formal.*

### **Column AL – Schooling Information**

Definition - Name of the School/NA

Type - Text

### **Column AM – Graduation Institution**

Definition - Name of the Institution/NA

Type - Text

### **Column AN – Graduation Specialization**

Definition - Name of the Specialization/NA

Type - Text

### **Column AO – Law Degree Institution**

Definition - Name of the Institution/NA

Type - Text

### **Column AP – Law Degree Year**

Format - YYYY/NA

Type - Text

### **Column AQ – Bar Enrolment Year**

Format - YYYY/NA

Type - Text

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

### **Column AR – State Bar Association where enrolled**

Format - Name of the State/Not Available/NA

Type - Text

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

### **Column AS – Foreign Degree in Law**

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

### **Column AT – Post-Graduate in another subject**

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

**Column AU – Post-Graduate in Law**

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical