

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2187**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 05.01.2018**

**Judges belonging to SC and ST category**

2187. **KUMARI SELJA:**

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

- (a) the number of vacancies in different High Courts and the Supreme Court;
- (b) the details of posts filled with Judges belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in higher Judiciary during the last three years;
- (c) whether proper representation has not been given to Judges belonging to SC and ST Category in the appointment to higher Judiciary; and
- (d) whether Government has devised any policy in this regard?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND CORPORATE**  
**AFFAIRS**  
**(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)**

(a): A statement showing the number of vacancies in Supreme Court and High Court as on 01.01.2018 is attached at **Annexure**.

(b) to (d): The appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts are made under Articles 124 and 217 of the Constitution of India respectively which do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of persons. Therefore, no caste or class wise data of Judges is maintained. The initiation of proposal for appointment of Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts vests with the Chief Justice of India and Chief Justices of the concerned High Courts respectively.

The Government has requested Chief Justices of the 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.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.2187 to be answered on 05.01.2018.

(Position as on 01.01.2018)

Sl. No.	Name of the Court	Vacancies as per Approved Strength
<b>A.</b>	<b>Supreme Court of India</b>	<b>06</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>High Court</b>	
1	Allahabad	52
2	Telangana & Andhra Pradesh	30
3	Bombay	24
4	Calcutta	39
5	Chhattisgarh	10
6	Delhi	23
7	Gauhati	06
8	Gujarat	21
9	Himachal Pradesh	05
10	Jammu & Kashmir	06
11	Jharkhand	11
12	Karnataka	37
13	Kerala	10
14	Madhya Pradesh	19
15	Madras	15
16	Manipur	03
17	Meghalaya	02
18	Orissa	10
19	Patna	20
20	Punjab & Haryana	35
21	Rajasthan	16
22	Sikkim	0
23	Tripura	02
24	Uttarakhand	02
Total		<b>398</b>