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.
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)

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