

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 621  
ANSWERED ON:16.09.2020

Female Judges

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(a)the details of the number of women who are currently serving as a Judge in Supreme Court, High Courts and at the District level, State/UT-wise;

(b)the tribunal-wise number of female judges appointed in tribunals established by the Union Government;

(c)the district-wise number of female judges appointed in Subordinate Judiciary;

(d)whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the representation of women in the judiciary and if so, the details thereof; and

(e)whether the Government would consider implementing reservations to increase the representation of women in the judiciary?

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

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS &  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): As on 01.09.2020, there are 2 women Judges in Supreme Court and 78 women Judges in various High Courts. A Statement showing details of Working Strength of Judges and number of women Judges in Supreme Court and High Courts is annexed.

(b): Details of female Judges in Tribunal are not Centrally maintained as they are being administered by different Ministries/Departments of the Government.

(c): Information on female Judges in Subordinate Judiciary is also not centrally maintained as the subject matter falls within the domain of the High Courts and the State Governments

(d) and (e) : Appointment of Judges of the High Court is made under Article 217 and 224 of the Constitution of India. These Articles do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of person including women. The Government has, however, been requesting the 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.

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Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 621 for 16.09.2020 regarding Female Judges.

(As on 01.09.2020)

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Sl.No. Name of the Courts Sanctioned Strength of Judges Number of Female Judges working

A Supreme Court 3402

B High Court

1 Allahabad 16006

2 Andhra Pradesh 3704

3 Bombay 9408

4 Calcutta 7205

5 Chhattisgarh 2202

6 Delhi 6008

7 Gauhati 2401

8 Gujarat 5204

9 Himachal Pradesh 1301

10 Common High Court for the UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh 1701

11 Jharkhand 2501

- 12Karnataka 6205
- 13Kerala 4705
- 14Madhya Pradesh 5303
- 15Madras 7509
- 16Manipur 0500
- 17Meghalaya0400
- 18Orissa2702
- 19Patna 5300
- 20Punjab& Haryana8511
- 21Rajasthan 5001
- 22Sikkim 0301
- 23Telangana2400
- 24Tripura 0400
- 25Uttarakhand 1100