

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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ESTABLISHING HIGH COURT BENCH IN SURAT

1551. # SHRI GOVINDBHAI LALJIBHAI DHOLAKIA:

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

- (a) whether Article 214 of the Constitution provides for a High Court for each State, while Section 51 of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956 provides for the establishment of benches away from the principal seat;
- (b) the details of benches of High Courts established in the States under the said provision; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration before Government for establishment of a bench of Gujarat High Court in Surat?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (c): Article 214 of the Constitution of India provides that *“There shall be a High Court for each State”* while Section 51 of the States Re-Organisation Act, 1956 provides for *Principal seat and other places of sitting of High Courts for new States*.

The information regarding Benches of High Courts established in the States is at **Annexure**.

High Court Benches are established in accordance with the recommendations made by the Jaswant Singh Commission and judgment pronounced by the Apex Court in W.P. (C) No. 379 of 2000 and after due consideration of a complete proposal from the State Government which has to provide necessary expenditure and infrastructural facilities and the

Chief Justice of the concerned High Court who is required to look after the day-to-day administration of the High Court. The proposal to be complete should also have the consent of the Governor of the concerned State.

At present there is no complete proposal pending with the Government of India to establish a High Court Bench in Surat.

High Court Benches

Sl. No.	High Court	Principal Seat	Jurisdiction	Permanent Bench and Date from which the Bench began functioning
1	Allahabad	Prayagraj	Uttar Pradesh	1. Lucknow (01.07.1948)
2	Andhra Pradesh	Amaravati	Andhra Pradesh	High Court w.e.f.1.1.2019
3	Bombay	Mumbai	Maharashtra; Goa; UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	2. Nagpur (01.05.1960) 3. Panaji (01.07.1948) 4. Aurangabad(27.08.1984) 5. Kolhapur (Circuit Bench w.e. 18.08.2025)
4	Calcutta	Kolkata	West Bengal & Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)	Circuit Benches- 5.Port Blair (2.5.1950) 6. Jalpaiguri (7.2.2019)
5	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur	Chhattisgarh	-
6	Delhi	New Delhi	NCT of Delhi	-
7	Gauhati	Guwahati	Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, & Arunachal Pradesh	7. Kohima,(10.02.1990) 8. Aizawl, (05.07.1990) 9. Itanagar (12.08.2000)
8	Gujarat	Sola (Ahmedabad)	Gujarat	-
9	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh	-
10	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	Jammu & Srinagar	UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	-
11	Jharkhand	Ranchi	Jharkhand	-
12	Karnataka	Bangalore	Karnataka	10. Dharwad (24.08.2008) 11. Gulbarga(31.08.2008) Previously functioned as Circuit Benches on 7.2.2008
13	Kerala	Kochi	Kerala & Lakshadweep Islands (UT)	-
14	Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	12. Gwalior (01.11.1956) 13. Indore (01.11.1956)
15	Madras	Chennai	Tamil Nadu & Puducherry (UT)	14. Madurai (24.07.2004)
16	Manipur	Imphal	Manipur	High Court w.e.f. 23.03.2013 Previously functioned as Pmt. Bench (21.01.1992)
17	Meghalaya	Shillong	Meghalaya	High Court w.e.f. 23.03.2013 Previously functioned as Pmt. Bench (04.02.1998)
18	Orissa	Cuttack	Odisha	-
19	Patna	Patna	Bihar	-
20	Punjab & Haryana	Chandigarh	Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh (UT)	-
21	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	Rajasthan	15. Jaipur (31.01.1977)
22	Sikkim	Gangtok	Sikkim	-
23	Telangana	Hyderabad	Telangana	-
24	Tripura	Agartala	Tripura	High Court w.e.f. 23.03.2013 Previously functioned as Pmt. Bench (10.05.1992)
25	Uttarakhand	Nainital	Uttarakhand	-