

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2747  
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2002  
VACANCIES IN FAST TRACK COURTS  
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

**Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of judges in the Fast Track Courts as a result of which the cases get piled up defeating there by the very purpose for setting up such courts;
- (b) if so, the number of vacancies available in such courts, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken to fill up all vacancies?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI)

(a)&(b) A Statement of shortage of Judges and vacancies in Fast Track Courts is annexed.

(b) It is the primary responsibility of the concerned High Court and the State Government to fill up the vacancies of judges in Fast Track Courts in their respective jurisdiction. The Supreme Court in its Judgement of the 6th May, 2002 in Brij Mohan Lal Vs. Union of India & Others has directed as below:-

“ The High Court and the State Government shall ensure that there exists no vacancy so far as the Fast Track Courts are concerned, and necessary steps in this regard shall be taken within three months from today. In other words, steps should be taken to set up all the Fast Track Courts within the stipulated time”.

The direction given by the Supreme Court has been communicated to the State Governments for compliance.

**ANNEXE**

**Statement showing the number of vacancies in Fast Track Courts as on 30.07.2002**

Sr.No.	Name of the State	No.of	FTCs	No.of	FTCs	No. of vacancies
	Notified	Working				

1.	Andhra Pradesh	70	22	48		
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2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3	3			
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3.	Assam	20	15	5		
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4.	Bihar	183	110	73		
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5.	Chhattisgarh	31	23	8		
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6.	Goa	3	3			
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7	Gujarat	36	36			
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8.	Haryana	12	5	7		
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9.	Himachal Pradesh					
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10.	Jammu & Kashmir	43	40	3		
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11.	Jharkhand	89	30	59		
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12.	Karnataka	13	10	3		
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13. Kerala	27	10	17	
14. Madhya Pradesh		85	36	49
15. Maharashtra		104	94	10
16. Manipur		2	2	
17. Meghalaya	2	2		
18. Mizoram		3	-	3
19. Nagaland	2	-	2	
20. Orissa	27	19	8	
21. Punjab	6	5	1	
22. Rajasthan	40	40		
23. Sikkim	-	-		
24. Tamil Nadu	49	30	19	
25. Tripura	3	2	1	
26. Uttaranchal	45	30	15	
27. Uttar Pradesh		206	157	49
28. West Bengal	46	13	33	

Total	1150	737	453	
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