

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2687

ANSWERED ON:12.03.2015

HIGH COURT BENCH

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

(a) the details of the States having High Court Benches in the country;

(b) the details of proposals received by the Central Government to set up another bench of High Court apart from existing High Court benches along with the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Central Government is seeking opinion of the Supreme Court and High Courts of the concerned States in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) :A Statement showing the details of High Courts, their jurisdiction and Benches in the States is at Annexure.

(b) to (d) : 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, Bench(es) of the High Court are established after due consideration of a complete proposal from the State Government, which is to provide infrastructure and meet the expenditure, along with the consent of the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court, which is required to look after the day to day administration of the High Court and its Bench. The proposal should also have the consent of the Governor of the concerned State Government.

Requests for establishment of High Court Benches in different parts of the country have been received from various sources including some State Governments. However, at present there is no proposal complete in all aspects pending for consideration by the Central Government.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2687 to be answered on 12.03.2015

Sl.No.	High Court	Principal Seat	Permanent Bench and Date from which Jurisdiction the Bench began functioning
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1	Allahabad	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh Lucknow (01.07.1948)
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2	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh and Telangana -
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3	Bombay	Mumbai	Maharashtra; Goa; Daman & Diu; Dadra & Nagar Haveli;
		Nagpur	(01.05.1960)
		Panaji	(01.07.1948)
		Aurangabad	(27.08.1984)

4	Calcutta	Kolkata	West Bengal & Andaman & Nicobar Islands _
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5	Chattisgarh	Bilaspur	Chattisgarh -
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6	Delhi	New Delhi	NCT of Delhi -
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7 Gauhati Guwahati Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, & Arunachal Pradesh.
Kohima, (10.02.1990)
Aizawl, (05.07.1990)
Itanagar (12.08.2000)

8 Gujarat Sola (Ahmedabad) Gujarat -

9 Himachal Pradesh Shimla Himachal Pradesh -

10 Jammu & Kashmir Jammu & Srinagar Jammu & Kashmir -

11 Jharkhand Ranchi Jharkhand -

12 Karnataka Bangalore Karnataka
Dharwad (24.08.2013)
Gulbarga (31.08.2013)

13 Kerala Ernakulam (Kochi) Kerala & Lakshadweep Islands -

14 Madhya Pradesh Jabalpur Madhya Pradesh
Gwalior (01.11.1956)
Indore (01.11.1956)

15 Madras Chennai Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry
Madurai (24.07.2004)

16 Orissa Cuttack Orissa -

17 Patna Patna Bihar -

18 Punjab & Haryana Chandigarh Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh -

19 Rajasthan Jodhpur Rajasthan
Jaipur (31.01.1977)

20 Sikkim Gangtok Sikkim -

21 Uttarakhand Nainital Uttarakhand -

22 Manipur Imphal Manipur

23 Meghalaya Shillong Meghalaya

24 Tripura Agartala Tripura