

SHORTAGE OF JUDGES

***48. Sh. Rakesh Daultabad, M.L.A:** Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state the following information regarding the Judges in Lower Courts in State:-

- a) the Court wise number of Judges in State;
- b) whether the State has adequate number of Judges in Courts or is there a shortage of Judges in State;
- c) the number of required Judges in State with Court wise division; and
- d) the steps being taken by the Government to meet out the shortage of Judges in Haryana judiciary?

Sh. Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana

Sir, a statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT OF SH. MANOHAR LAL, CHIEF MINISTER IN RESPECT OF STARRED QUESTION *48 ASKED BY SH. RAKESH DAULATABAD, M.L.A.

- a) The sanctioned strength of **246** posts of Haryana Superior Judicial Service Officers (Sessions Court) and **526** posts of Civil Judge (Junior Division) are sanctioned in **Lower Courts** in cadre of Haryana Civil Service (Judicial Branch);
- b)& c) The State has adequate number of sanctioned strength of Judges, a temporary shortage that may occur due to retirement, etc., is being addressed by direct recruitment and promotions regularly. Presently, the State requires 68 Officers in Higher Judiciary in the cadre of Haryana Superior Judicial Service, out of which 39 posts are to be filled by promotion and remaining to be filled up by way of direct recruitment. Whereas, 129 positions of Civil Judges (Junior Division) are vacant in cadre of Haryana Civil Service (Judicial Branch), the recruitment is in process; and
- d) The matter regarding filling up 129 vacant posts of Haryana Civil Service (Judicial Branch) is under consideration of the State Government. An Interlocutory Application in Civil Appeal No. 1867/2006 titled as Malik Mazhar Sultan vs. UPPSC and others was moved by the State of Haryana in the Supreme Court of India on 07 April 2022. The matter regarding filling up of 29 vacancies (under direct quota) in Haryana Superior Judiciary is under consideration in the High Court and promotion case of Civil Judges (Junior Division) to the post of Additional District and Sessions Judges is also under consideration with State Government after an advice was sought from the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India.