

SC Collegium clears 68 names for HC judges

Priority to address judicial vacancies

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Within days of successfully getting nine new judges appointed to the Supreme Court in one go, the top court's Collegium, led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana, has, in yet another first, recommended 68 names in one stroke for elevation as judges of various High Courts.

The Collegium, in back-to-back meetings on August 5 and September 1, considered 112 candidates for High Court appointments. Sixty-eight of 112 names have been recommended for appointments to 12 High

Courts. Of the 68, there are 44 from the Bar and 24 from the judicial service.

Scripting history in gender representation in the judiciary yet again, the Collegium recommended a woman judicial officer belonging to the Scheduled Tribes, Marli Vankung, as judge of the Gauhati High Court. If the government approves the recommendation, she would be the first ever High Court judge from the State of Mizoram.

Even otherwise, the Collegium's recommended names have 10 women.

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