

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

The Collegium of the Supreme Court recommended the name of Smt Sujana Kalasikam, Judicial Officer, for appointment as a Judge of the High Court for the State of Telangana.

On 23 October 2022, the Chief Justice of the High Court for the State of Telangana made the recommendation in consultation with his two senior-most colleagues. We have considered the views given by the Chief Minister and the Governor of the State of Telangana.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, in order to ascertain the suitability of Smt Sujana Kalasikam for elevation to the High Court, we have consulted Judges of the Supreme Court who are conversant with the affairs of the High Court for the State of Telangana.

For the purpose of assessing the merit and suitability of Smt Sujana Kalasikam for elevation to the High Court, we have scrutinized and evaluated the material placed on record. We have also perused the observations made by the Department of Justice in the file.

The consultee-judges have concurrently found the candidate to be suitable for appointment as a Judge of the High Court. The inputs provided in the file indicate that she enjoys a good personal and professional image and nothing adverse has come to notice with regard to her integrity. Besides, the candidate also belongs to the backward category. Having regard to the

above, the Collegium is of the considered view that Smt. Sujana Kalasikam is suitable for appointment as a Judge of the High Court for the State of Telangana.

While considering the above proposal, the Collegium has also taken note of the fact that the above proposal involves non-recommendation of some senior Judicial Officers. We have scrutinised the reasons recorded by the High Court Collegium for not recommending their names and are in agreement with the same.

In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that Smt. Sujana Kalasikam, Judicial Officer, be appointed as Judge of the High Court for the State of Telangana.

(Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud), CJI

(Sanjay Kishan Kaul), J

(Sanjiv Khanna), J

12 July 2023