To Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India

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Subject:-Prayer for appointment and posting of Hon'ble Judges of the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura.

My Lord Hon'ble Dr. Justice Chandrachud,

With high profound respect, we the members of different Bar Associations of Tripura, respectfully & humbly pray before your Lordship to look into our grievances and the problems that have arisen in the last few months.

1. The sanctioned strength of the Hon'ble Judge of the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura is 5(five). Except on one occasion, there has not been a total strength of Hon'ble Judge of the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura.

2. Unfortunately, with the transfer of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Subhasis Talapatra, the strength of the Hon'ble Judges of the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura was reduced to 4(four) Hon'ble Judges inclusive of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court of Tripura.

3. The Post of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court of Tripura has fallen vacant on November, 2022. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura, superannuated on 10th November, 2022 and no Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court of Tripura has as yet been appointed and therefore the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura has been under the stewardship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice T. Amarnath Goud, the Hon'ble Chief Justice (Acting).

4. In September, 2022, the Collegiums of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, recommended transfer, appointment and the posting of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. P. Singh, but despite the recommendations of the Collegium of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, no appointment on transfer of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Singh, has been given effect to.

5. Meanwhile, on 31st December, 2022, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.G. Chattopadhyay has retired from service on superannuation and thus the number of Hon'ble Judges of the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura has reduced to only 2 (two) Hon'ble Judges, which means that, the forum for intra court appeals is not available unless the vacant posts of the Hon'ble Judge inclusive of the Hon'ble Chief Justice be filled up immediately. The present strength of the Hon'ble Judge of the Hon'ble High Court is 2 (two) only inclusive of the Hon'ble Chief Justice (Acting).

6. The establishment of the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura has been made in 2013 after a long struggle by the people of Tripura and that unless full strength of the Hon'ble Judge of the High Court of Tripura, is available, the cry for justice for the people of Tripura is going to become illusive.

7. The Members of the Bar Associations of Tripura are aware, that, the Collegiums of the Hon'ble Supreme Court recommended the names of a good number of Judge for appointment which are now being stuck at a different level and the recommendations of the Collegiums are not being honoured. The law of the land mandates, that, the recommendations of the Collegiums of the Hon'ble Supreme Court should be honoured but unfortunately for some undisclosed reasons, the recommendations are not being honoured.

We the Members of different Bar Associations of Tripura most humbly and respectfully submit and pray that, Your Lordship would kindly look into the matter and early steps for fulfilling our prayer for appointment and posting of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Tripura as well as filling up of the vacant Posts at the earliest for which gracious act of kindness, we the members shall ever remain grateful.

With regards.

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