

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2502

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 30.11.2016

Complaints against Sitting Judges

2502. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed a secretariat of retired judges to deal with complaints against sitting judges of the supreme court and high courts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the consideration of complaints against sitting judges will continue to be a strictly in house process within the judiciary; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State for Law and Justice and Electronics and Information Technology.

(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The complaints against sitting Judges are being considered as per existing “in-house mechanism” for dealing with the complaints against the higher judiciary. As per the “in-house mechanism”, the Chief Justice of India is competent to receive complaints against the conduct of the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Chief Justices of the High Courts. Similarly, the Chief Justices of the High Courts are competent to receive complaints against the conduct of the judges of the High Courts. The complaints received by the Government are being forwarded to the Supreme Court or the concerned High Court, as the case may be, for action as deemed appropriate.

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