



SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the names of two Additional Judges for appointment as Permanent Judges and for appointment of an Additional Judge for a fresh term of one year, in the High Court at Calcutta, in the following terms:

On 14 March 2023, the Collegium of the High Court at Calcutta unanimously recommended the Additional Judges whose names are set out above for appointment as permanent Judges of that High Court. The Chief Minister and the Governor of the State of West Bengal have conveyed their agreement with the above recommendation.

In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, the Judges of the Supreme Court who are conversant with the functioning of the High Court at Calcutta were consulted with a view to ascertain the suitability of the above Additional Judges for appointment as permanent Judges.

On 12 July 2023, the Supreme Court Collegium *inter alia* deferred consideration of the above proposal in the following terms:

“Having considered all aspects of the matter and on an overall consideration of the above proposal, the Collegium resolves to recommend that:

...the proposal for appointment of Justices (a) Ms. Ananya Bandyopadhyay, (b) Smt Rai Chattopadhyay, and (c) Shri



Subhendu Samanta, Additional Judges, be deferred for being taken up for consideration at an appropriate stage.”

Fresh views of the consultee-Judges were sought on the above proposal.

The Committee of two Judges of the Supreme Court constituted by the Chief Justice of India in terms of the Resolution dated 26 October 2017 of the Supreme Court Collegium assessed the judgments of the above Additional Judges. On evaluation of their judgments, the Committee has reported that they are suitable for confirmation as permanent Judges.

With a view to assess the merit and suitability of the above Additional Judges for appointment as permanent Judges, we have scrutinized and evaluated the material placed on record. Having considered all aspects of the matter and on an overall consideration of the above proposal, the Collegium is of the view that (i) Ms Justice Ananya Bandyopadhyay, and (ii) Ms Justice Rai Chattopadhyay, are fit and suitable for being appointed as permanent Judges.

In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend as under:

- (i) Ms Justice Ananya Bandyopadhyay and Ms Justice Rai Chattopadhyay be appointed as permanent Judges of the High Court at Calcutta, and



- (ii) Shri Justice Subhendu Samanta be appointed as an Additional Judge for a fresh term of one year with effect from 18 May 2024.

(Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud), CJI

(Sanjiv Khanna), J

(B R Gavai), J

18 January 2024.