'Codebook for Dataset on Indian High Court Judges'

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Information to be collected for all judges in the High Courts of India appointed after 6th October 1993.

Column A - Name of the Judge

Definition - Name of the judge as it appears in source website

Type - Text

Column B - Gender

Format - Male/Female

Type - Categorical

Note - There is no instance of a transgender person being appointed in any of the High Courts

Column C – Religion

Format - Hindu/Muslim/Christian/Sikh/Buddhist/Jain/Zoroastrianism

Type - Categorical

Column D – Caste

Format - General/Dalit/OBC/ST

Type - Categorical

Column E – Date of Birth

Format - DD-MM-YYYY

Type - Date

Column F – State of Birth

Name of the State

Type - Text

Column G – Place of Birth

Format - City/Town/Village/District (Either - Whatever is available)

Type - Text

Column H - Date of Appointment

Format - DD-MM-YYYY

Type - Date

Column I - Date of Retirement

Format - DD-MM-YYYY

Type - Date

Column J - If Died in Office

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

Column K - If resigned from office
Format - Yes/No
Type - Categorical

Column L – Parent High Court
Definition - The High Court in which a person first became a judge.
Type - Text

Column M – If transferred to any other High Court
Format - Yes/No
Type - Categorical
Note - Mention the name of the high-court at the time of transfer.

Column N – If yes, which High Court 1
Definition - Name of the High Court
Type - Text

Column O – Date of such transfer - 1
Format - DD-MM-YYYY
Type - Date

Column P – If yes, which High Court 2
Definition - Name of the High Court
Type - Text

Column Q – Date of such transfer – 2
Format - DD-MM-YYYY
Type - Date

Column R – If yes, which High Court 3
Definition - Name of the High Court
Type - Text

Column S – Date of such transfer - 3
Format - DD-MM-YYYY
Type - Date

Column T – If appointed Chief Justice in another High Court

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

Note - If the Judge was/is an acting Chief Justice, then in that case, select No. Acting CJs are not recognized as CJs and do not have any post-retirement eligibility which CJs have.

Column U – If yes, which High Court – 1

Definition - Name of the High Court

Type - Text

Column V - If yes, which High Court – 2

Definition - Name of the High Court

Type - Text

Column W - If yes, which High Court – 3

Definition - Name of the High Court

Type - Text

Column X – If appointed to the Supreme Court

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

Column Y – Date of appointment to the Supreme Court

Format - DD-MM-YY

Type - Date

Column Z – Cadre

Format - Service/Bar

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable identifies the professional stream from which a judge has been appointed.

Service- High Court judges who were serving in the lower judiciary at the time of being appointed to the High Court

Bar- High Court judges who were practicing as advocates at the time of being appointed to the High Court

Column AA – Experience in Subordinate Judiciary

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable ascertains if a judge in the High Court ever served in the judiciary. For all judges in the Cadre of service, the answer would be Yes. For judges in the cadre of Bar, the answer would be Yes if they had joined the subordinate judiciary and then resigned from the service. Otherwise, for judges in the cadre of Bar, it would be 'No'.

Column AB – Litigation Experience

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable ascertains if a judge in the High Court ever practiced as an advocate. For all judges in the Bar cadre, the answer would be yes. For judges in the Service cadre, the answer would be Yes only if they practised as an advocate before joining the judicial service.

Column AC – If a Senior Advocate

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges from the Bar cadre. For judges from the service cadre, the answer would be NA.

Column AD – Experience in High Court Administrative Post

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior experience in subordinate judiciary. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

Column AE – If served as Government Counsel

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

Column AF – If served as Advocate General

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

Column AG – If empanelled by PSUs

Format - Yes/No/NA

Type - Categorical

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

Column AH – If empanelled by Banks
Format - Yes/No/NA
Type - Categorical
Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

Column AI – If empanelled by any Statutory Body
Format - Yes/No/NA
Type - Categorical
Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

Column AJ – If empanelled by Private Companies
Format - Yes/No/NA
Type - Categorical
Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

Column AK – Chamber Details
Format - Yes/No/NA
Type - Categorical
Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

Generally, lawyers in India join the offices of a senior counsel and learn the nuances of the profession. This is known as joining a chamber. The chamber a lawyer joins can be categorized as part of his/her employment history, although the typical arrangement is not always formal.

Column AL – Schooling Information
Definition - Name of the School/NA
Type - Text

Column AM – Graduation Institution
Definition - Name of the Institution/NA
Type - Text

Column AN – Graduation Specialization

Definition - Name of the Specialization/NA

Type - Text

Column AO – Law Degree Institution

Definition - Name of the Institution/NA

Type - Text

Column AP – Law Degree Year

Format - YYYY/NA

Type - Text

Column AQ – Bar Enrolment Year

Format - YYYY/NA

Type - Text

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

Column AR – State Bar Association where enrolled

Format - Name of the State/Not Available/NA

Type - Text

Note - This variable is meant for judges with prior litigation experience as an advocate. For judges without such experience, the answer would be NA.

Column AS – Foreign Degree in Law

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

Column AT – Post-Graduate in another subject

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical

Column AU – Post-Graduate in Law

Format - Yes/No

Type - Categorical