Bar bodies foiled plan to rope in ex-judges to fight pendency: SC

'Also Faced Reluctance Of Retd Judges With Good Practice'

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New Delhi: With case pendency exceeding 65 lakh in high courts, Supreme Court Thursday lamented that its 2021 judgement for re-engaging retired judges as ad hoc high court judges under Article 224A to speed up case disposal remained on paper, despite having been diluted, because of resistance from bar associations.

Dealing with a case related to pension of judges, a bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana said the attempt to avail services of some retired judges with impeccable integrity to speed up disposal of cases in HCs has not fructified as bar associations are passing resolutions against such appointments.

"Retired high court judges have established lucrative practices in Supreme Court or are enjoying better gains in conducting arbitration proceedings or in writing opinions. They are reluctant to become ad hoc judges," said Justice Bagchi.

In 2021, the apex court had activated the dormant Article 224A of Constitution and issued general guidelines for re-engagement of retired judges as ad hoc judges of HCs to help clear backlog of cases, many of them more than 15 years old. In Allahabad HC, there are more than 12 lakh cases pending.

On Jan 30 last year, a bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna, B R Gavai and Surya Kant had diluted certain tough conditions recorded in the 2021 judgment and had said a maximum of five retired HC judges could be reappointed to an HC but their number would not exceed 10% of that HC's sanctioned judge strength.

Two important conditions in the 2021 judgement that were kept in abeyance in Jan 2025 were ad hoc judges can be appointed only when there is less than 20% vacancy in an HC; and if 10% of the pending cases were more than five years old.

Till 1970, some retired SC judges were reappointed as ad hoc judges in the apex court. But it was rarely the practice in HCs, with retired judges being appointed only for specific purposes – Justice Suraj Bhan to Madhya Pradesh HC in Nov 1972 for disposal of election petitions; Justice P Venugopal for two years in Madras HC in Aug 1983; and Justice O P Srivastava to Allahabad HC in 2007, as he was part of the special bench hearing Ayodhya suits.

Can OCI cardholders file PILs, asks Guj HC

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Ahmedabad: The Gujarat high court has questioned two British nationals, holding Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards, whether they have the right to file a PIL. The UK nationals, Pankaj Patel and Kim Patel, had moved the HC alleging a decline in social conditions in India.

The Patels, at present living in Miyagam Karjan in Vadodara district, shifted from the UK in 2025. Appearing virtually before the court, in Ahmedabad, Pankaj said he decided to file the PIL after noticing significant changes in India since his return. He claimed, "Children, women and vulnerable people are living under tyranny in the sense because those in power are not exercising their power".

The bench of Acting Chief Justice M R Pathak and Justice Nirzar Desai then questioned the petitioner, "You are a citizen of another country. What right do you have to interfere with the lives of people in India?"

HC posted further hearing on Dec 7, asking Patel to appear in the courtroom.

Hold Kali puja at all thanas: WB min

Kolkata: Bengal higher education minister Jagannath Chattopadhyay Thursday proposed organising Kali Puja at every police station in the state. To support his demand, he cited legendary bandit Raghu Dakat, who, according to popular accounts, allegedly worshipped Goddess Kali before setting out on robberies.

"I have a request. When Bijaya Sammilani is being organised at police stations, Kali Puja should also be held at every thana from now on," Chattopadhyay said while addressing Birbhum district police Bijaya Sammilani in Suri. — **Kaushik Pradhan**

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1. The general public is hereby put on notice that Appeal No. 335 of 2017 has been filed by BSES Rajdhani Power Limited ("BRPL") before the Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal for Electricity ("Hon'ble Tribunal") against the order dated 01.06.2017passed by Ld. Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission ("Ld. DERC") in the matter of determination of open access charges and related matters.
2. BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) has filed Appeal No. 335 of 2017 challenging the order dated 01.06.2017 passed by the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) regarding determination of open access charges and related matters. Vide order dated 16.10.2026, the Hon'ble Tribunal directed BRPL to issue a Public Notice informing the general public and open access consumers that any decision in favour of BRPL concerning the additional surcharge for May to September 2017 may result in recovery of the additional amount from the affected open access consumers.
3. The Appeal challenges, inter alia, the findings and directions in the impugned order on the issues set out below:

S. NO.	PARTICULARS OF ISSUES
1.	EXEMPTION GRANTED TO THE RAILWAYS FROM PAYMENT OF CROSS-SUBSIDY SURCHARGE ON ELECTRICITY PURCHASED THROUGH OPEN ACCESS FOR ITS OWN CONSUMPTION
2.	EXEMPTION OF USERS OF CAPTIVE GENERATING PLANTS FROM 'ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE'
3.	RESTRICTION OF ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE TO 50% OF THE AVERAGE FIXED COST PER UNIT FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 2017
4.	CAPPING CROSS-SUBSIDY SURCHARGE AT 20% OF THE APPLICABLE TARIFF

Note: Details of each of the above issues are as given in the Memorandum of the Appeal

4. Copies of the Appeal Paper books can be obtained from the office of the Counsel for BRPL i.e., Mr. Hasan Murtaza having office at B-810, Ithum Towers, Sector 62, Noida-201309 (9968374967). The same has also been uploaded on the website of BRPL and can be downloaded from the following link **"https://www.bsesdelhi.com/web/brpl/public-notice-for-appeal-no-335-of-2017"**. Further, in case of any difficulty or issues encountered while downloading the appeal paper book, assistance may be sought from BRPL at **brpl.support@reliancegroupindia.com.**
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