



## Current Affairs of the Day

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**Bottom Line:** The Supreme Court asked the government to clarify the status of 55 recommendations made by the Collegium for judicial appointments to High Courts six months to nearly a year-and-a-half ago.

### Highlights:

1. These recommendations have been pending with the government for over seven months to a year. This is a matter of grave concern. The present working strength is 661 with 419 vacancies as of March 2021.
2. Justice Kaul, who was accompanying the Chief Justice and Justice Surya Kant, said the “thought process” of both the government and the Collegium should be modulated. He said a time frame needed to be fixed for both the Collegium and the Ministry to complete the appointment process.
3. There is a need to institutionalize a process for considering advocates practicing in the top courts to judgeships in the High Courts. The Supreme Court has been repeatedly conveying to the government its growing alarm at the judicial vacancies in High Courts.