

① There is a need for an independent mechanism in the judicial appointment that ensures public scrutiny of their suitability. Analyse.
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① The questionable elevation of advocate L. Victoria Gowri as a Judge of Madras High Court epitomises the Problematic nature of the system of Judicial appointment.

② Ms. Gowri, whose unabashed Prejudice against minorities became evident when her past speeches and interviews came to light after her name was approved by the Supreme Court, was sworn in at an oath-taking ceremony organised with great dispatch.

Constitutional provisions for Appointment:-

* Article 124(2) - Judges of SC and HC are appointed by the President after consultation with such a number of Supreme Court and of the High Court in the States

* Article 217 - Judge of the High Court shall be appointed by the President consultation with the Chief Justice of India, The Governor,

and the appointment of a judge other than the the chief Justice (In the case)

③ The collegium system not by an Act of parliament or not by a provision of the constitution.

Criticism of the Collegium System:-

→ Opaqueness and lack of transparen

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→ Scope of for nepotism

→ Embroilment in public controversies

→ Overlooks several talented junior

Judges and advocates.

Way Forward :-

① Filling up vacancies is a continuous and collaborative process involving the executive and Judiciary and there cannot be a time frame for it.

② Instead of selecting the number of Judges required against a certain number of vacancies, the collegium must provide panel of possible names to the president to appoint in order of preference and other valid criteria.