

## THE KERALA HIGH COURT ADVOCATES' ASSOCIATION

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RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE KERALA HIGH COURT ADVOCATES' ASSOCIATION ON 16<sup>TH</sup>
JUNE 2021 DECRYING THE REQUEST MADE BY THE SUPREME COURT
BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE SUPREME COURT ADVOCATE-ONRECORD ASSOCIATION AND THE FAVOURABLE RESPONSE TO THE
SAME GIVEN BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA

It is with deep shock and anguish that this Association notices the recent attempts to topple the mode of selection of Judges of the High Court in total disregard of the mandates of Article 217 of the Constitution of India and also the law laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Judges cases and also the NJAC case. It is only a raving hallucination translated into representations. The reported statement that the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India has accepted the request is highly shocking. Considering the lawyers practicing before the Supreme Court as more meritorious than their counterparts practicing before various High Courts in India is a totally baseless and grossly ridiculous concept and the same ought to have been rejected as an affront on the very constitutional rights and principles which form the bedrock of the judicial system of our Country. More serious is the damaging observation that lady lawyers are not considered for elevation to the High Court only because 'there are not enough lady lawyers fit for elevation'. This we assert is fallacious and made with mischievous motives and the defect is with the myopic approach adopted in the process of elevation and not owing to the dearth of competen



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Dated at Ernakulam on this the 16th day of June, 2021

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