

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 99
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 24TH JULY, 2026**

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL TRIBUNAL COMMISSION

***99. SMT. SAJDA AHMED:**

Will the Minister of **LAW AND JUSTICE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the Judgement of the Supreme Court striking down certain provisions of the Tribunal Reforms Act, 2021 relating to appointments, tenure and service conditions;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish a National Tribunal Commission (NTC) as suggested by the Supreme Court;
- (c) if so, the details and timeline thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to address concerns relating to the judicial independence and executive control over tribunals?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW
AND JUSTICE; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS**

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) to (D) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 99 FOR REPLY ON 24.07.2026 REGARDING
ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL TRIBUNAL COMMISSION ASKED BY SMT.
SAJDA AHMED.**

(a): The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its judgment dated 19.11.2025 in the matter of Madras Bar Association vs. UOI, W.P.(C) No.1018 of 2021, *inter-alia*, vide para-142 of the said judgement, has struck down certain provisions of the Tribunal Reforms Act, 2021.

(b) to (d): The various judgments of the Supreme Court including the above judgment apply to the appointments, tenure and service conditions of the members and Chairpersons of the tribunals.

Further, the statutory provisions as and when enacted, would *inter-alia* also holistically take into consideration the various judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the directions on the subject including the judicial independence of the tribunals.
