

## BILL FOR MORE SC JUDGES GETS LS NOD

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Lok Sabha on Monday passed a bill that seeks to increase the number of Supreme Court judges from the present 30 to 33, with a view to reducing pendency of cases.

Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad used the opportunity to urge the judiciary against making “sweeping commentary” while hearing cases.

“They should have the courage to write it in judgements and give reasons,” he said while responding to the debate on the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2019.

Responding to concerns raised by members about differences among Supreme Court Judges, Mr. Prasad said differences within the judiciary should not come out in the open.

They should be settled within and the government should not have any role in it.

### Retirement age

To a question on a request by the Chief Justice of India to increase the retirement age of High Court Judges, he said the matter had to be looked at in its totality as others, including the three Service chiefs and bureaucrats, could also make a similar demand.

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