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## SC strikes down rules in Finance Act on tribunals; Cong claims victory

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday struck down rules in the amended Finance Act 2017 on tribunals and directed the government to reformulate fresh norms with respect to appointment of tribunal members.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi directed the Ministry of law to conduct impact study and submit report to the apex court. The top court directed that appointment in tribunals should be in accordance with respective statutes.

Meanwhile, the Congress claimed victory as the court struck down rules amended in the Finance Act of 2017 diluting the norms related to appointments to 19 different tribunals, including the National Green Tribunal.

"The government will not have to bring 19 different laws to amend the norms of appoint-

ments to tribunals," Congress leader Jairam Ramesh told reporters here accusing the government of trying to sneak in far-reaching changes to laws through the Finance Bill.

Ramesh had moved the Supreme Court contending that the Money Bill-route adopted by the government denied the Rajya Sabha an opportunity to make suggestions and amendments to the provisions pertaining to tribunals as they were part of the Finance Bill.

He added that the five-judge bench of the Supreme Court has referred the issue to a larger bench and thus will have its consequence on the Aadhaar Bill judgment, which was also given by a five-judge Constitution bench where the Supreme Court has said it is a money bill.

"It is a victory not for the Congress. This is a very big victory especially for the Rajya Sabha and democracy and it is a defeat of the BJP," he said.

