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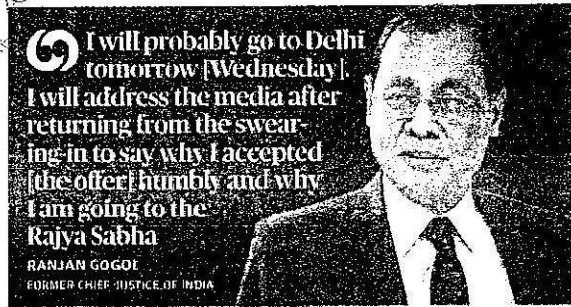
Gogoi defends RS nomination

Former CJI says he will address media on 'why I accepted the offer humbly'

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Former Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi on Tuesday justified his nomination to the Rajya Sabha but declined to elaborate upon the reasons that made him weigh and accept the offer.

President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday named Mr. Gogoi for one of the 12 seats to which members are nominated. "I will probably go to Delhi tomorrow [Wednesday]. I will address the media after returning from the swearing-in to say why I ac-



cepted [the offer] humbly and why I am going to the Rajya Sabha," he told newsmen at his residence here.

Mr. Gogoi said he would

try to present the views of the judiciary in the Rajya Sabha. Mr. Gogoi is the second person from Assam, after educationist Mrinal Miri, to be nominated to the Rajya

Sabha. Two others from the northeastern region – academic B.B. Dutta from Meghalaya and boxer M.C. Mary Kom from Manipur – have been nominated.

The former CJI, who supervised the exercise to update the National Register of Citizens in Assam and delivered the judgment in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, earlier in the day told a media group that the need for the legislature and the judiciary to "meet at one point of time" made him accept the nomination.