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CJI Gogoi recommends Justice S A Bobde as his successor

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WITH just a month left for the retirement of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, he has initiated the process for appointment of Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde as his successor. CJI Gogoi has gone by the convention to recommend the name of the seniormost judge after him.

According to sources, the CJI has written a letter to the Centre recommending Justice Bobde as his successor. If the recommendation is cleared by the government, Justice Bobde will be administered the oath of office by President Ram Nath Kovind on November 18 as the 47th CJI. He will have a tenure of 18 months till April 23, 2021.

Justice Bobde was former Chief Justice of MP High Court and is also serving as the Chancellor of Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, and Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur.

He studied law at Nagpur University. He enrolled as an advocate in 1978 and practised at the Nagpur Bench of Bombay High Court. He became a senior advocate in 1998, was appointed additional judge of Bombay HC on March 29, 2000 and was elevated to the SC on April 12, 2013.

Justice Bobde has a tenure of eight years in the SC and has been involved in many important cases, including the Ayodhya dispute, the Aadhaar case, the Right to Life judgment, the BCCI case and petitions against firecrackers, to name a few. He also headed the in-house committee which probed the allegations of sexual harassment against CJI Gogoi and gave him a clean chit in the case.

CJI Ranjan Gogoi and Justice S A Bobde at an event in New Delhi | PTI