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No logjam on judges' appointments, SC told

NEW DELHI: The central government on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that there was no logjam in clearing names for appointment of judges to the high courts and it was on the job.

Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi told the Supreme Court bench that the process to fill seven-year-old vacancies started late.

The Centre told the apex court that the delay squarely rests with judiciary. The attorney general said that the high courts have started initiating process to fill up the vacancies now.

Rohatgi also informed the SC that the names recommended for Chhattisgarh, Kerala and Allahabad high courts have been cleared for appointment.

The attorney general told the court that the process for filling the vacancies should start six months before a vacancy is created, "It is like a race, you start early. You reach in time."