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### **Clear appointments to all HCs at fast pace, Karnataka Bar Council urges Centre**

BENGALURU: The Karnataka State Bar Council (KSBC) has urged the the central government to clear all appointments to all the high courts across the country at a fast pace so as to dispel the notion among the larger public and the legal circles that the executive is holding up the appointments as a counter blast to the Apex court's judgment in NJAC case.

"An independent judiciary is an essential constituent for a democracy. The delay in appointment of high court judges has definitely created an impression that the executive is intentionally holding all the appointments and therefore the onus is on executive to dispel the impression by clearing the appointments to all high courts in the country at a fast pace" a resolution passed at the KSBC meeting held on August 14 has stated.

The KSBC has further pointed out that Karnataka high court is functioning with less than half the sanctioned strength and situation is several high court is also similar and the vacancies are alarming and non-filling up of these posts has jeopardized the working of these high courts.