

Judges' Views

To The Editor, The Times of India

Sir,—A significant observation of Mr. Justice Chandrachud of the Supreme Court which has a bearing on the recent controversy about the role of the judiciary seems to have been ignored by the English press. The Marathi papers of Poona reported him as having said the following in reply to a question at a reception given by the Poona municipal corporation:

"If the unlimited power vested in the government is used for improving the lot of the common man rather than disregarding seniority, then the nation will have a bright future".

One of the papers captioned the report as "an indirect criticism of the Central government".

The view expressed by the judge shows that it is wrong to assume that no judge either of the Supreme Court or the high court has criticised the supersession of three judges. The fact that the judiciary has by and large maintained silence on this issue does not mean that it supports the government's stand. It only means that they prefer to refrain from entering into a public controversy.

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