

## Judiciary to obey Parliament on disclosure of assets: CJI

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**New Delhi** Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan said that the judiciary was not against declaration of judges' assets and that it was ready to "implicitly" obey Parliament if it passes a law in this regard.

"Let Parliament make any law, we will implicitly obey it," Balakrishnan told reporters after conclusion of the conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts.

The CJI made the comment when he was asked about the protests by opposition on a clause in the Judges Assets Bill which prevents making declarations made by judges public.

Clause 6 of the Bill states that declaration made by a judge to the competent authority shall not be made public or disclosed and shall not not be called for or put into question by any citizen, court or authority.

The protests by opposition had forced the government to defer tabling the Bill in Parliament.

On the agenda of the conference, the CJI ruled out the impression that corruption in the judiciary was not discussed during the deliberations.

"It was not out of the agenda and the vigilance section of the High Courts has been looking into the issue of corruption in subordinate judiciary," he said adding that the word 'corruption' was not used in the agenda.

Balakrishnan, however, parried questions on the issue of corruption in higher judiciary, including the Supreme Court, saying the conference was not a forum to discuss individual complaints.

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