

SC judges reveal assets

ENDING ROW OVER ASSET DECLARATION, 21 SC JUDGES REVEAL THEIR WEALTH DETAILS

K.G. BALAKRISHNAN

Property: Three houses, two plots worth Rs 18.08 lakh (one house valuation not mentioned)

Investments: Nil

Other assets: 20 gold sovereigns and a Santro of 2000 model



DALVEER BHANDARI

Property: Ancestral house in Jodhpur

Investments: Shares, mutual funds and FDs worth Rs 39 lakh

Other assets: Jewellery, Fiat & Maruti Esteem



D.K. JAIN

Property: Plot in Greater Noida for which he has paid Rs 7.6 lakh

Investments: Shares in 68 companies, FDs of Rs 45 lakh, MFs

Other assets: Not known



MARKANDEY KATJU

Property: Share in ancestral property in Allahabad, flat in Patparganj

Investments: Shares in 15 companies and fixed deposits

Other assets: 25 tolas of jewellery



V.S. SIRPURKAR

Property: House in Nagpur of 5,000 sq ft (value not declared)

Investments: Shares of about 28 companies, mutual funds and FDRs

Other assets: Owns a Ford Ikon

R.M. LODHA

Property: Building in Jaipur, Flat in Mumbai, plot in Jaipur (values not declared)

Investments: Shares and fixed deposits

Other assets: Two kgs of gold



S.H. KAPADIA

Property: Flat in Mumbai worth Rs 20 lakh

Investments: Rs 70 lakh including shares, mutual funds, PPF in his and his wife's name

Other assets: He doesn't own a car



B. SUDERSHAN REDDY

Property: House in Hyderabad valued at Rs 62 lakh, and at Jubilee Hills valued at Rs 6.5 lakh

Investments: Shares, MFs

Other assets: Gold, pearls, diamonds



P. SATHASIVAM

Property: Houses and agriculture land at various places

Investments: 430 shares, FDs worth Rs 16 lakh, GPF

Other assets: 400 gms of gold and a motorcycle



G.S. SINGHVI

Property: Plots and houses in Jalpur worth Rs 70 lakh

Investments: MFs, FDs and bonds

Other assets: 1,100 gms of gold jewellery and 10 kg of silver utensils



AFTAB ALAM

Property: A 1,290 sq ft flat in Patna and a plot of land measuring 2,724 sq ft

Investments: Mutual funds

Other assets: Gold ornaments and a Maruti 800

H.L. DATTU

Property: Agricultural land and houses in Bangalore

Investments: Fixed deposits worth Rs 18 lakh and PF of Rs 5.79 lakh

Other assets: 600 gms of jewellery, Tata Sumo



TARUN CHATTERJEE

Property: Building in Kolkata, share in ancestral property (value not given)

Investments: Fixed deposits, mutual funds

Other assets: Jewellery, Chevrolet Tavera, Honda Civic



J.M. PANCHAL

Property: Flat in Gujarat worth Rs 45 lakh

Investments: Shares and more than Rs 38 lakh in bank accounts

Other assets: Jewellery and a WagonR



MUKUNDAKAM SHARMA

Property: Two plots in Gr Noida worth Rs 32.7 lakh, land in Guwhati, plot in Faridabad worth Rs 24 lakh

Investments: 200 shares

Other assets: Alto



CYRIAC JOSEPH

Property: Two houses and agricultural land in Kerala

Investments: Fixed deposits and debentures

Other assets: Nil



ASOK KUMAR GANGULY

Property: Flat in Kolkata, share in ancestral property

Investments: Mutual funds and debentures

Other assets: Jewellery, Maruti Esteem, Maruti 800

DEEPAK VERMA

Property: Flat in Dwarka, house in Jabalpur, plot in Bhopal

Investments: Shares, mutual funds, fixed deposits worth Rs 13 lakh

Other assets: Jewellery, gold watch, Maruti Zen



ALTAMAS KABIR

Property: A house in Salt Lake township in Kolkata worth Rs 31 lakh

Investments: LIC policies, fixed deposits worth Rs 25 lakh

Other assets: Jewellery amounting to 127 gms



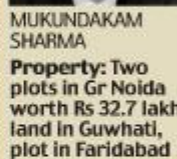
R.V. RAVEENDRAN

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Property: House and office in Bangalore worth Rs 50 lakh

Investments: Shares in 100 companies, including 5,000 in various Reliance companies

Other assets: Not known



CYRIAC JOSEPH

Property: Two houses and agricultural land in Kerala

Investments: Fixed deposits and debentures

Other assets: Nil

BALBIR SINGH CHAUHAN

Property: Ancestral house in Muzaffarnagar, house in Noida

Investments: Shares worth Rs 11 lakh, FDs of Rs 4 lakh, GPF of Rs 20 lakh

Other assets: Jewellery, Toyota Corolla



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B.N. AGRAWAL (RETIRED)

Property: Flat in Indirapuram valued at Rs 43.5 lakh

Investments: Bank deposits and recurring deposits

Other assets: Worth Rs 43 lakh

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THE Supreme Court on Monday posted the assets of Supreme Court judges on its website but clarified that the declarations were being made public on a voluntary basis.

The Supreme Court Registry still defended its right not to answer any query with regard to assets declared to the Chief Justice of India as per a 1997 resolution. "The above declaration of assets is purely on a voluntary basis," the Supreme Court said on

Monday. This means, it will not entertain any query or scrutiny of assets made public by the judges.

Though Supreme Court judges had been declaring assets to the Chief Justice, the decision to make it public was taken on August 26 in the backdrop of a raging controversy over resistance by the Supreme Court to answer any query regarding assets of judges.

The only omission from the list of 21 sitting judges, including Chief Justice K.G. Balakrishnan, whose assets were posted, was Justice H.S. Bedi. Apart from the sitting judges, the court also posted assets declared by Justice B.N. Agrawal, who retired

on October 15, on his special request.

The declarations lack uniformity with some judges giving sketchy details and not mentioning the value of their moveable and immovable assets. Though most judges declared the bank accounts held by them and their wives, Chief Justice K.G. Balakrishnan's declaration has no mention of bank accounts.

The declarations show that several judges had invested in shares. While Justice S.H. Kapadia and his wife had shares worth about Rs 70 lakh, Justice R.V. Raveendran had shares in 57 companies and his wife in 43. Justice Balakrishnan, in his one-page declaration, said that he

had no investment in shares.

Though the Chief Justice of India had been opposing demands for making assets of judges public, he gave in after several high court judges criticised the stand taken by him.

Amid raging controversy, Justice Balakrishnan said on August 24 that he will try to build a consensus on the issue of declaration of assets in the Supreme Court. Two days later, the Supreme Court judges passed a resolution and decided to post details of their assets on the court website www.supremecourtsofindia.nic.in.

The controversy started with the Supreme Court refusing to give any answer to an RTI applicant seeking to know whether

the judges were declaring assets to the CJJ as per the 1997 resolution. The Supreme Court contested the matter before the Central Information Commission and, thereafter, before the Delhi High Court, which gave an adverse judgment.

The judges gave in after the judgment but the Supreme Court registry filed an appeal as it was still opposing the verdict in principle. The petition is now pending before the high court.

Justice Balakrishnan had opposed declaration of assets by judges like politicians and had repeatedly defended it saying judges could unnecessarily be harassed. Besides, there was no law making them liable to do so, he argued.