

Judges assets: 'A bold and reasonable verdict' says experts

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court's judgement holding that the office of Chief Justice of India falls under the purview of the Right To Information Act was hailed by legal experts as "bold" and "reasonable," reflecting the independence of the judiciary.

Noted jurists K K Venugopal, Shanti Bhushan and P P Rao said the verdict on a "highly sensitive" issue was "constitutionally correct" where for the first time a decision has been given against the superior court.

"It is a bold judgement," said Venugopal and Bhushan. "I think the judgement is a superb example of judicial independence. The fact that the Supreme Court Registrar was in effect representing the entire body of judges representing the Supreme Court did not deter the judge from dealing with a highly sensitive and controversial issue is wholly correct," Venugopal said.

The senior advocate said "I have no doubt that the judgement is constitutionally and legally correct and the only view to be taken in the matter".

Agreed Bhushan who termed the verdict as "excellent" and said "it is for the first time the High Court has decided against the Supreme Court as a whole as appeal against the Central Information Commission's decision was filed on behalf of the Supreme Court.

"The judge has acted very independently in turning down the appeal of the Supreme Court which is a higher judicial body than the High Court," the former Law Minister said.