

## **SC judges to declare assets if it is not misuse, HC told**

New Delhi, Feb 25 : The Supreme Court Registry has told the Delhi High Court that the judges of apex court are not opposed to declaring their assets but want to do it with proper safeguard, checks and balances to prevent misuse of information.

"...Such declarations are made in accordance with due procedure laid down by the a law which would prescribe (a) the authority to which the declaration would be made and (b) the form in which the declaration would have to be made along with a clear definition of what constitutes 'assets'," said the Supreme Court Registry in its reply before High Court.

Justice S Ravindra Bhat will hear on February 27 a petition pertaining to revealing the information as to whether the judges give details of their assets to the office of Chief Justice of India.

The petition was filed by the Supreme Court challenging Central Information Commission (CIC) order directing it to reveal information pertaining to assets of the judges.

The Court had on January 19 stayed the order of the CIC in which the Commission had held that the office of Chief Justice of India comes within the ambit of the RTI Act and information given to CJI has to be revealed to the RTI applicant.