

## 'Include public disclosure provision in judges' asset bill

New Delhi: Several eminent jurists and rights activists on Friday demanded that the prop disclosure of assets to make it more transparent.

Details of the proposed bill (as reported by the media) provide for disclosure of assets b

"Unless declaration of assets of judges or other public servants are made known to the p Accountability and Reform, comprising several eminent jurists and rights activists, said in

According to the rights body, only vigilant citizenry will be able to point out "unusual acce

It said the three reasons given by the judges to keep the declaration away from public do

The reasons, the statement claimed, are: disgruntled litigants will misuse the disclosures unlike politicians; and there are no clear rules and formats for disclosure.

"Only a public and annual declaration of assets as is done by all federal judges of the US transparency through this proposed bill," the statement signed by eminent jurists Fali S N Tahiliani and others added.

It said the bill should be finalised after "effective consultation" with civil society.

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