

**SUPREME COURT-WP(C) PIL 1096/2013-CENTRE FOR PIL & COMMONCAUSE & JAYANTI DAS-
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The Supreme Court on Friday refused to hear a PIL against allotment of plots to judges of the high courts of Odisha and Gujarat. A bench led by Justice H L Dattu asked petitioner NGO 'CPIL' to approach the respective high courts first.

The court's refusal came even as petitioner's advocate Prashant Bhushan pointed out that as many as 10 judges of the Odisha High Court had applied for such plots under Chief Minister's discretionary quota and hence he had reasonable apprehension of bias in the high court.

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