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## Petition in SC against Jagan over press meet on top judge

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DAYS after Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy wrote to the Chief Justice of India complaining about Supreme Court judge N V Ramana and certain judges in the Andhra High Court over the Amaravati land scam, a plea was filed on Monday against Jagan before the apex court.

Ajeya Kallam, principal advisor to the chief minister, released copies of the letter at a recent press conference. Advocate Sunil Kumar Singh, who filed the plea, said such



press briefings against judges should stop. He also sought a show-cause notice against Jagan asking why suitable action should not be taken against him.

"The act and deed of the respondent is an attempt to tarnish the majesty of the highest court of the country," the plea stated. The petitioner contended that Jagan had crossed all limits prescribed by the Constitution. "As per the Constitution, it has been mandated that no discussion shall take place in Parliament or in legislature on conduct of judges," it said.

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FURTHER, it is averred that freedom of speech and expression guaranteed under Article 19(1)(a) is subject to reasonable restrictions in relation to contempt of courts and defamation.

"In the society of today, where the discussion in the media and on social media can go wild within days or within hours, it can affect the image of judiciary and hence the confidence of the general public in the judiciary," the plea read. It said the CM is under oath and allegiance of the Constitution and is thus bound by it to respect the judiciary.

In his letter to CJI S A Bobde, Jagan had alleged that some HC judges were attempting to protect the interests of TDP.