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Pending cases
against MPs: SC
for end to trial

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Wednesday indicated that it will pass orders for concluding trials in pending cases against former and sitting MPs and MLAs within one year and ask the high courts to submit an action plan.

A bench of Justices N V Ramana, Surya Kant and Hrishikesh Roy said the court would seek a proper blueprint from Chief Justices of the high courts on how to go about disposing of pending trials.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, also submitted that there must be time-bound disposal of these cases.

The bench also expressed concern over allocation of all pending cases against legislators to only one special court in a state, saying they may not be accessible.

Senior advocate Vijay Hansaria, acting as amicus curiae, suggested that each district be assigned one court to deal with the cases. He said there was no uniformity in special courts taking up these cases.

The court also noted that there were 4,612 cases pending against former and sitting legislators but the figure has gone up on adding pending cases under special laws.

Hansaria also pointed out that a big issue was that witnesses don't turn up.