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New Delhi: The Enforcement

Directorate's probe against

Robert Vadra remains focu-

sed on the acquisition of expe-

nsive properties abroad thro-

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actions, with investigators ex-

panding the ambit of their

curiosity beyond properties

in London to ask the husband

of Congress's general secreta

ry Priyanka Gandhi about the

tors, who had earlier asked

Vadra to clarify their suspi-

cions about his links to a Lon-

don flat at 12, Ellorton House,

Bryanston Square worth over

Rs 26 crore, have now asked

him also to explain whether

he was connected to the pur-

chase of a Dubai villa, E-74 at

ut big cash deposits in Dubai-

based Skylight Investments, a

company bearing a name

with striking similarity to the

one he owns in India, Skylight

Hospitality Pvt Ltd, and

which has been in the crossha-

irs of multiple probes into

controversial land dealings in

Gurgaon in Delhi-NCR and

Bikaner in Rajasthan. Indeed,

Vadra has been instructed by

the Rajasthan high court to fa-

ce, along with his mother, an

ED team looking into land

asked to explain his ties with

C C Thampi, the person who

was the shareholder of Sky-

light Investment FZE. Su-

spected to be a shell company

with no business to show, it

bought the property in Lon-

don's Bryanston Square

from fugitive arms dealer

Sanjay Bhandari in June

Sources said Vadra was

transactions in Rajasthan.

Vadra was also asked abo-

Jumeirah, for Rs 14 crore.

Sources said investiga-

purchase of a Dubai villa.

35 yrs on, Mumbai's original 'tower of corruption' finally bites the dust

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HNIs, NRIs, Lata & Asha Among **Original Buyers**

Nauzer K Bharucha & Richa Pinto

Mumbai: Pratibha, Mumbai's original tower of corruption, is finally being razed to the ground 35 years after massive building violations were detected and exposed by then city collector Arun Bhatia.

The skeleton of the building, located in the tony Pedder Road-Breach Candy area, has been standing as a mute testimony of the city's first major FSI (floor-space index) scandal. The top eight illegal floors of the 36-storey tower were demolished by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) by the mid-1990s.

Each floor contained two sprawling flats. Among the original buyers were high net

PRATIBHA: A STORIED BLDG

On July 12, 1984, revenue authorities report to BMC about violations in Pratibha building. When BMC issues stopwork notice 3 weeks later, all 36 floors are complete On Aug 7, 1984, BMC issues show cause notice as to why upper eight floors should not be demolished. Later,

some owners approach court On Nov 6, 1985, over 100 hutment dwellers storm building, demand alternative accommodation

On March 11, 1989, demolition starts

In 2007, society's reconstruction plan fails to take off On May 10, 2012, Pratibha society invites bids for sale of property which fails

worth individuals, NRIs, and private firms, besides playback singers Lata Mangeshkar and Asha Bhonsle.

The building's 'housing society', comprising 35 members, recently decided to pull down the remaining 26 floors. When TOI visited the building, demolition work was on in full swing. Several workers on the higher floors were seen razing pillars and columns. The site has been barricaded.

with security guards at the In 2012, the society had invientrance. Signboards warn ted bids, with a reserve price of passersby of falling debris. Rs 900 crore for the entire pro-Motorists have been told not to perty. It was rumoured that park their vehicles in the lane. Breach Candy Hospital was interested in it to expand its pre-

Speaking with TOI from Dubai, Jayant Vora, the society's secretary, said members are yet to decide whether to rebuild the tower or sell the land. "We had no option but to pull the edifice down because we have to accommodate all the members," he said.

space of 27,000 sqft. Talking to TOI on phone

from Pune, Bhatia, now retired, said he was transferred soon after he exposed the scandal, "There were many officers involved, but I don't know if anyone was ever punished," he said. Former municipal commissioner Sharad Kale, du-

red the plot area as over 9,282

sq m as against the actual,

over 7,197 sq m. The false

declaration helped the buil-

der gain additional floor

ring whose tenure BMC demolished the last of the eight illegal floors, said the building's architect had altered land records to increase the construction area. "As far as I can recollect, the superintendent of land records of the revenue department was jailed," said Kale. "Society members will gain if they rebuild the tower as FSI laws are very liberal now. They will get bigger flats."

Top Maoist surrender

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Hyderabad: A Maoist leader from Jharkhand, who had Rs 1.25 crore prize money on his head, surrendered before Telangana police on Monday. Oggu Burial Satwaji alias Sudhakar, originally from Nirmal district in Telangana, was a member of the outlawed CPI (Maoist) and also a member of its top decision-making body. His wife, Madhavi, too surrendered with him.

put Rs 25 lakh on his head.

ling a list of cases pending aga-

Robert Vadra rides a motorbike outside his residence in New Delhi on Monday. Sources said that during his ED interrogation, Vadra 'looked flustered' when guizzed about his links to a firm behind property deals in London and Dubai, and that his denial was unconvincing

2010 after money was transferred to Bhandari's firm.

After London flat, Vadra

quizzed about Dubai villa

Sources claimed Vadra's denial about his links with Skylight Investment FZE, Dubai, was unconvincing. "He looked flustered," claimed a source familiar with the course of investigation.

Curiously, the name of Skylight Investment FZE was changed to Mayfair Investment FZE on 30th March 2013. a development that came after Bhandari fell under the income tax scanner. It is alleged that Bhandari, who fled India after being booked under Official Secrets Act by the NDA government and remains untraced, had acquired the flat through payoffs he allegedly received for swinging an ONGC contract for a South

Korean multinational. Sources said ED has mapped the transactions and zeroed in on the end beneficiary. All these transactions have been sourced by Indian agencies from foreign authorities and accordingly mapped the flow of money with

ciaries of the deal.

As per the details, Vadra's aide Thampi allegedly transferred his 100% shareholding in Skylight Investment, which consists of 1 share of dirham 1,50,000 to son of his stepsister, Vadakkethala Cheru Geever. It is Thampi's stepnephew who now owns the London and Dubai properties.

A multi-agency probe by the Indian government in the past two years revealed that Skylight Investment FZE, now Mayfair Investment FZE, had no real business activity yet huge cash deposits were made in its account just before the purchase of the London flat and the Dubai villa.

Among its assets declared in December 2010, the company has shown investment of dirham 94,83,893 (Rs 12 crore); a villa in Dubai for Dirham 107,41,996 (Rs 14 crore) and London flat worth Dirham 202,25,889 (Rs 26 crore). May Fair Investment does not have business activity and its bank account was opened on 31 March 2009 with Dirham 1,50,000 (Rs 19 lakh).

ED to HC: Will re-investigate LaMo's links to Raje son's hotel

Jaipur: The Enforcement Directorate on Monday informed the Delhi high court that it has decided to order a reinvestigation into the case of a company allegedly owned by former Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje's son Dushyant Singh in which former IPL commissioner Lalit Modi had invested Rs 11.63 crore. ED told the Delhi HC bench that it would submit a status report by May 8 on a writ petition moved by Jaipurbased lawyer in 2015.

The ED, which was on the trail of Rs 21 crore that Modi's firm Anand Heritage Hotels Pvt Ltd received from an unknown Mauritius-based entity Wilton Investment Ltd, had stumbled upon the transaction in which part of the money was allegedly used to pay Dushyant's firm Niyant Heritage Hotels Pvt Ltd.

The payment was made in 2008 by way of an unsecured loan of Rs 3.80 crore and later by acquiring 815 shares of NHHPL. A total of Rs 11.63 crore was transferred by Lalit Modi to Dushyant's firm through loan and share purchase. TNN

For Motion of Thanks, govt may cede ground to oppn

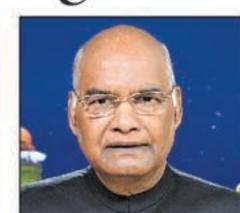
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New Delhi: Despite continuous disruption of the Rajya Sabha, the government is looking to ensure passage of the Motion of Thanks on the President's address, keeping open the option of accepting some opposition amendments, if it fails to persuade non-NDA parties to withdraw them.

The passage of the motion, even without discussion, is seen as necessary as Parliament is required to record its thanks for the President's address to the joint session, and convey the same to Rashtrapati Bhavan. Passage of any amendment though will not alter the President's address.

"The motion of thanks will need to be passed. In the past only a sudden disruption, such as fall of a government, has broken this practice. There is also a precedent of the motion being passed without discussion," said a senior minister. While the motion of

thanks was discussed and



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passed by the Lok Sabha, the Rajya Sabha has not been able to transact any business since Parliament convened on January 31, when President Ram Nath Kovind delivered a joint address to MPs of both Houses.

While junior parliamentary affairs minister Vijay Goel has been reaching out to all parties to allow the passage of the motion without any amendments, the opposition has remained resolute in not permitting the upper House to function

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on account of a host of issues, including the Rafale defence deal, the Citizenship Amendment Bill and the 20-point roster in universities affecting SC/ST appointments. Government sources

said the opposition was not

mises. Subsequently, there we-

hit the headlines in 1984 when

collector Bhatia conducted a

postmortem on building

sanctions. It was found that

the builder had falsely decla-

The Pratibha scam first

renotakers at that price.

allowing discussion on the Motion of Thanks because it wanted to deny Prime Minister Narendra Modi an opportunity to speak in Parliament as in the Lok Sabha discussion. The stalemate has not

ended despite Rajya Sabha chairman Venkaiah Naidu holding forth with the floor leaders every day of the session, requesting them to pass the Motion of Thanks since it is a matter of "constitutional propriety". With only two working

days remaining, opposition sources said they are unlikely to accede to the government's demand to drop the proposed amendments to the Presidential Address, or to relent on the pressing issues being taken up by each party.

leader, wife in Telangana

Sudhakar was a key member of the Central Military Commission, which planned and executed violent strikes against the government. For the last four years, he was in charge of Jharkhand and has been accused of being involved in several violent acts. Besides the Rs 1 crore prize announced by Jharkhand, Telangana had

Officials say they are compiinst Sudhakar and his wife in various states, while the National Investigation Agency has also taken up some cases.

After UP roadshow, Priyanka rushes to Jaipur to be with mother-in-law ta and took swift steps to

shell companies and benefi-

Rohan Dua & Urooj Khan TNN

Lucknow: Thirty minutes after the special flight carrying Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Congress chief Rahul Gandhi touched down at Lucknow airport at 12.25pm on Monday, she was seen wobbling on a makeshift 'rath', trying to find her balance. The modified truck was immediately replaced with a no-frills vehicle.

As she adjusted her dupat-

climb onto the rath, petals were showered on her by frenzied supporters, which she gracefully acknowledged. However, around 1:50pm,

the Congress eastern UP incharge announced to her colleagues — UP state chief Raj Babbar, UP west general secretary Jyotiraditya Scindia, RPN Singh and Jitin Prasada that she would have to cut

shorther first day in Lucknow

and make a dash to Jaipur.

Priyanka was informed that her mother-in-law Maureen has been summoned by the ED in Jaipur to join the probe in the Bikaner land scam case along with her husband Robert Vadra, both of whom reached the Rajasthan capital on Monday. Sources in the Enforcement Directorate told TOI that investigators have prepared 55 questions for Vad-

K'taka schools told to be on guard on V-Day

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: With Valentine's Day two days away, moral police seem to have turned up at the unlikeliest of places—schools.

Among many measures, schools have been told to ask parents and guardians to tell children not to exhange any gifts or greetings

The Karnataka Associated Management of Primary and Secondary Schools has asked its member institutes to join hands with parents and guardians to ensure their boys and girls don't end up celebrating the occasion.

The association, which has 3,000 schools as members, has asked the institu-

tions to advise parents to keep a watch on their children on V-Day in the wake of increasing incidence of school students indulging in activi-

ties that don't suit their age. "The decision to issue the alert was in the wake of recent cases where teenagers were found to indulge in aggressive fights over love affairs," said Shashi Kumar, general secretary, KAMS.

In its advisory, the association has asked schools to ask parents and guardians to tell children not to exchange any gifts and greeting. Parents must keep an eye on their wards so that they don't bunk and go to malls or movies to celebrate.

The association has asked schools to be on guard against students who instead of wearing uniform don colourful attire, dominated by red, the colour of V-Day.

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Duo set afire 2 men to fake death for ₹3.2cr insurance

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Agra: Mathura police have arrested a person from Palwal, Haryana, who along with another person allegedly burned two people alive in their car in Barsana on Thursday to fake their own deaths for claiming life insurance amo-

unt worth Rs 3.2 crore. Investigations into the mysterious deaths of two persons, Kunwarpal (40) and Lekhan (38), whose bodies were found charred beyond recognition on the front seats of a burnt vehicle, revealed that their murders were meticulously planned by Lalaram, 35, and Rohtash, 34, in order to fake their deaths for

the insurance claim. Police said the suspects convinced Lekhan and Kunwarpal, residents of Mandkaula village in Palwal, to travel with them to Mathura. On the way the suspects made the two drink alcohol and took advantage of their inebriated condition. They locked Lekhan and Kunwarpal in the car, which belonged to Lalaram, and set it on fire to pass it off as an accident.

Police got suspicious after learning that both Lalaram and Rohtash had bought huge insurance coverage recently. Police confirmed a case under section 364 (kidnapping in order to murder) of IPC has been registered.



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