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PM-led panel zeroes in on 5 names for next CBI director

Committee Likely To Meet Today To Finalise Appointment

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New Delhi: The PM-led selection panel on the CBI director's appointment on Friday narrowed down the search to five IPS officers belonging to the 1983 and 1984 batches amid indications that a final decision on a new CBI chief may be reached on Saturday.

The meeting, which considered a shortlist of 30-odd IPS officers picked from an exhaustive list of 80 eligible officers belonging to 1983-85 batches, managed to further cut down the list to five—former Madhya Pradesh DGP Rishi Kumar Shukla (1983 MP cadre), CRPF chief R R Bhatnagar (1984 UP), NSG chief Sudeep Lakhtakia (1984 UP), National Institute of Criminology & Forensic Sciences director Javed Ahmed (1985 UP) and BPR&D chief A P Maheshwari (1984 UP).

Congress's leader in Lok Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge



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However, the committee agreed to meet again on Saturday to finalise the appointment. The order will be issued soon after the panel approves the final candidate. With the Supreme Court expressing unhappiness over the delay in appointing a regular CBI chief, a quick decision is expected.

Chief can't be appointed on ad-hoc basis, says SC

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday frowned at the appointment of an interim CBI director and said given the sensitivity attached to the investigating agency, it should not have a temporary head.

Hearing a PIL challenging appointment of M Nageswara Rao as interim director of CBI after recusal of three judges, a bench of Justices Arun Mishra and Navin Sinha said, "The government knew that the CBI director's tenure was coming to an end on January 31. It should have taken steps to find his successor well in advance. One can understand if there is an exigency requiring appointment of an interim di-

rector for a week or so. But there cannot be an ad-hoc appointment to the sensitive post of CBI director."

However, the bench took a dim view of the 'Kilkenny cat fight' between then CBI director Alok Kumar Verma and then special director Rakesh Asthana, who had turned viciously against each other. "This showed that the CBI was not functioning properly".

The Centre blunted a major attack of NGO 'Common Cause' when attorney general K K Venugopal informed that Rao's appointment was with prior permission of the selection committee comprising the PM, Congress leader in Lok Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and the CJI's nominee.

Full report on www.toi.in

Vadra seeks anticipatory bail in London property case

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New Delhi: Robert Vadra, husband of Congress general secretary in-charge of eastern UP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, moved an anticipatory bail plea in a Delhi court on Friday in connection with a money laundering case lodged by the Enforcement Directorate.

The case, related to allegations of money laundering in the purchase of a 1.9 million pounds property in London, is listed for hearing on Saturday.

Vadra's move comes close on the heels of the court granting anticipatory bail to his alleged aide Manoj Arora, who is also accused in the case. The court gave Arora interim relief from arrest till February 6 after he told the court that he was ready to join the investigation.

Sources said senior advocate KTS Tuli would appear for Vadra. Tuli, assisted by advocate Tanvir Ahmed Mir, had appeared for Arora as well. While arguing for Arora, the lawyers had said, "The election is approaching... (ED) wants to file a case by which it can malign the opposition. I'm willing to appear before them provided that I have protection from coercive action".

Sources privy to the development told TOI that Vadra was already examined by ED officials in Rajasthan in connection with the same case.

According to sources, Vadra pointed out in his plea that all his firms and authorised representatives had cooperated with the agency till now and he was willing to join the probe whenever summoned. Sources added that Vadra had been asked to appear before ED officials in Rajasthan "in the second week of February". "Taking into account the politically charged atmosphere, Vadra is apprehending that Delhi ED officials may arrest him," a source told TOI.

Mamata says Modi may get her arrested by CBI

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I don't blame CBI officers. They are being compelled to send notices, said Mamata Banerjee

Kolkata: A day after CBI questioned her close aide Manik Majumdar and sent summons to her senior party colleagues Derek O'Brien and Subrata Bakshi, West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday lashed out at the agency. "Don't be surprised if they send a notice to my cook at my Kalighat home. I'm waiting for it. How many notices can they send? I'm waiting," she told a press conference here.

"Today I have opposed the Budget, spoken a word or two before you all. For this, they may even arrest me. But I do not blame CBI officers because they are being compelled to do that. I have heard that these officers are summoned to the PM's residence. They are told 'kuch toh karo. Isko notice bhejo, usko notice bhejo. Chaiwallah seh kya CBIwallah ban gaye hain (Do something. Send notices to these people. Tea seller has be-

come CBI sleuth?)," she said. BJP state president Dilip Ghosh said, "They lack political courtesy. She is surrounded by people who are on CBI radar. Realising that, she is now scared."

According to sources, the CM didn't take CBI questioning her long-time aide Majumdar lightly. "He is ailing and elderly. He is honest to the core. They did not spare him too. What are they trying to signal? They will intimidate me? Political persecution is not

new to me. I cannot be intimidated like this," a senior TMC leader quoted her as saying.

Majumdar has been working with Mamata since she was an MP and is now tasked with handling party affairs from her home. Sources in Trinamool claimed the chief minister had done over 100 paintings and some were sold at a very low price. "No one questions that. She herself has never personally taken a single paisa from the sale of paintings," a source said.

Another Trinamool leader said, "Every paisa is accounted for. There are annual audits to prove it. However, there was a phase when the party accounts were looked after by a senior leader now in BJP. He left everything in a mess. But that has been corrected since. They can let loose as many agencies as they want but they cannot prove anything."

Senior Trinamool leaders said raids were more "political" due to their timing.

Govt to show-cause ex-CBI director Verma, cites 4 counts of misconduct

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New Delhi: The government has decided to serve a show-cause notice to former CBI director Alok Kumar Verma, who superannuated on Friday without joining his last posting, asking why departmental proceedings should not be initiated against him on four specific counts of misconduct and violation of service rules.

While three grounds for departmental action relate to findings of the CVC inquiry conducted last year, the fourth cites his refusal to join as DG, fire services, civil defence and home guards, despite being

SC seeks CBI response on Bassi transfer

The Supreme Court on Friday sought the CBI's response to a petition by DSP Ajay Kumar Bassi challenging his transfer back to Port Blair within days of its revocation by then CBI director Alok Verma during his two-day stint following reinstatement by the SC. Appearing for Bassi, senior advocate Rajiv Dhavan said such flip-flop in transferring an officer, who was actively involved in the investigation of a sensitive case, reflected badly on the CBI's independence. A bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Sanjiv Khanna sought the responses of CBI and its interim director M Nageswara Rao in six weeks. Bassi was transferred to Port Blair on October 24 after the Centre divested Verma of his powers as CBI chief on October 23. **TNN**

asked by the home ministry on Wednesday to do so.

As per sources, the show-cause notice was to be served on Thursday or Friday. It mentions three charges of misconduct on Verma's part. The first relates to his having excluded suspected key conspirator Rakesh Asthana from the ICRTC

case FIR. The second count relates to transfer of bank fraud case relating to then joint director in CBI Rajiv Singh.

The third charge is that Verma had attempted to induct tainted officers into CBI, including R P Upadhyay and Rajeev Krishna. The fourth charge was added to the show-cause notice only on Thursday, after it became clear that he would not join as DG, fire services even on his last day in service. There is no provision for treating a government servant as "deemed superannuated", as he must either resign/voluntary retire or be retired.

Full report on www.toi.in

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Extract of the unaudited standalone financial results for the quarter and nine months ended 31st December, 2018 (₹ in Lac)

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended			Nine Months ended			Year ended
		31-Dec-18	30-Sep-18	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-18	31-Dec-17	31-Mar-18	
		Un-audited			Un-audited			Audited
1	Total income from operations (net)	10,09,774	10,74,534	7,75,706	30,01,223	21,96,239	30,59,862	
2	Net Profit from ordinary activities before tax	81,128	86,661	74,822	2,57,907	2,26,434	3,05,511	
3	Net Profit from ordinary activities after tax	56,531	56,295	52,879	1,71,523	1,55,516	2,07,785	
4	Total Comprehensive Income	56,531	56,295	52,879	1,71,523	1,55,516	2,07,792	
5	Equity share capital	1,50,000	1,50,000	1,50,000	1,50,000	1,50,000	1,50,000	
6	Other Equity (excluding revaluation reserve)	8,12,737	8,55,664	7,69,769	8,12,737	7,69,769	8,22,047	
7	Earnings per share (Face value of ₹ 10/- each)							
	a) Basic (₹)	3.77	3.75	3.53	11.43	10.37	13.85	
	b) Diluted (₹)	3.77	3.75	3.53	11.43	10.37	13.85	
		(not annualised)			(annualised)			

Notes:

- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on 31 January 2019.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format for financial results of quarter and nine months ended 31 December 2018 filed with the stock exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (listing and other disclosure requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly and yearly financial results are available on the websites of National Stock Exchange, the Bombay Stock Exchange and the website of the company.

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