



CBI probe against Jena demanded

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IN a move that could embarrass Jayadev Jena, President, United Teachers and Employees Association (UTEA) and senior BJD leader, Bikram Keshari Burma demanded a CBI probe against the State PCC chief for his alleged involvement in scams and corrupt practices during his tenure as the School and Mass Education Minister of the State.

Briefing media persons here, the President of UTEA claimed that Jena was involved in various misappropria-

tions starting from appointment of new teachers to providing grant-in-aid policy (GIA) to schools. "I have written a letter to the Chief Minister demanding a CBI inquiry against Jena to unearth the truth", said Burma.

He alleged that Jena had taken no interest filling up vacant posts of headmasters in schools. He stated that although 117 Girls' High Schools had fulfilled the criteria to become Government High Schools, Jena had given nod to only seven schools in Ganjam district.

Jena could not be contacted to comment on the allegations.



Govt: 555 alleged fake encounters in last four years

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According to a Home Ministry statistics, a total of 555 cases of alleged fake encounters by police, defence and paramilitary forces were registered by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) since April 1, 2009 till February 15, 2013.

Out of the 555 alleged fake encounter cases, 144 cases have been solved and the remaining 411 are either being probed by the police or are before courts for trial or have been termed as unresolved.

Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest number of alleged fake encounters in last four years -- 138, of which 30 have been taken place in 2009-10, 40 in 2010-11, 42 in 2011-12 and 26 in 2013 (till February).

Manipur recorded 62 alleged fake encounters, Assam 52, West Bengal 35, Jharkhand 30 and Chhattisgarh 29 during the last four years.

For expediting the unresolved cases, concerted efforts are being made

by NHRC for obtaining the inquest reports, post-mortem reports, magisterial inquiry reports etc. From concerned state governments, sources said.

While in none of the cases, any recommendation for disciplinary action prosecution of the public servants was made by NHRC, they did recommend CBI-CID investigations in some cases.

A total of Rs 11.43 crore financial aid has also been recommended by the NHRC in 201 cases of doubtful encounters to the next of kin of the victims.

The 2004 Ishrat Jahan fake encounter case in Gujarat continues to dominate public discourse as the CBI filed its chargesheet on July 3.

The investigating agency is expected to file a supplementary chargesheet next month where it may name Special Director in Intelligence Bureau Rajinder Kumar as one of the accused.

The CBI is also probing the 2003 Sadiq Jamal fake encounter case in Gujarat in which several officials of the Gujarat Police were allegedly involved.

However, a court in Delhi on Thursday ruled that the 2008 encounter in Delhi's Batla House was a genuine gunbattle between the terrorists of Indian Mujahideen and police.



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They said the records are related to phone conversations which were tapped by Italian authorities who have quoted them in their preliminary enquiry report on the basis of which they have started investigations into the alleged involvement of Italian company Finmeccanica, its UK-based subsidiary AgustaWestland

and their top executives.

The sources said once CBI gets these records it might question Tyagi and other accused again before starting to prepare the charge sheet against the accused.

Meanwhile, CBI has also sent judicial requests to countries like Italy, UK, Switzerland and Tunisia seeking details of remittances made to India through the web of companies, the sources said.

Italian agencies had arrested the then CEO of AgustaWestland, Giuseppe Orsi, for alleged bribe given to Indian middlemen to clinch the deal.

The supply of 12 VVIP helicopters from AgustaWestland had come under scanner after Italian authorities alleged that bribe money was given by the company to clinch the deal.

The Italian prosecutor, who carried out the preliminary enquiry, alleged that the CEO of Finmeccanica, parent company of UK-based AgustaWestland, had used services of middlemen to bribe Indian officials in India.

CBI which carried out probe in India had named 13 individuals, including Tyagi and European middlemen Carlo Gerosa, Christian Michel and Guido Haschke, in the FIR as accused, in connection with the alleged bribery.



Sadiq Jamal encounter: CBI may question ex-IB officer

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THE probe into the alleged fake encounter case of Sadiq Jamal of 2003 in Gujarat will enter yet another phase with the CBI all set to question former Special Director of Intelligence Bureau Sudhir Kumar in connection with the case.

Highly-placed sources in the agency said that Kumar, a 1968 batch IPS officer, would be called for questioning in the case and understanding the sequence of the events that led to the encounter.

The input given by Kumar was the alleged reason behind the killing of Jamal, a resident of Bhavnagar city, by a team of Gujarat crime branch in an encounter near Galaxy Cinema on the outskirts of Ahmedabad on January 13, 2003. Kumar, who retired as member of Central Vigilance Commission, was posted as Special Director of Intelligence Bureau when this incident took place.

The sources did not rule out the possibility of questioning of the then Joint Director of IB's operational cell who later became the head of the organisation.

They said role of Kumar, who was handling Western Zone in the Intelligence Bureau at the agency headquarters, was under scanner of the agency for the alert that Jamal was a terrorist on a mission to eliminate VIPs in Gujarat.



सीबीआई जांच की नहीं मिली अनुमति

उन्नाव। केंद्रीय ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री जयराम रमेश ने कहा है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में मनरेगा के क्रियान्वयन में महालेखा परीक्षक एवं नियंत्रक (केग) द्वारा तमाम खामियों का खुलासा होने के बावजूद उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने इस मामले में सीबीआई जांच की अनुमति प्रदान नहीं की। प्रधानमंत्री ग्रामीण सड़क योजना (पीएमजीएसवाई) के तहत 62 सड़कों का लोकार्पण करने के सिलसिले में यहां आए रमेश ने संवाददाताओं से बातचीत में कहा, 'महात्मा गांधी नरेगा योजना में उत्तर प्रदेश में बहुत सारी कमियां मिली हैं। केग की जांच में बड़े पैमाने पर धन के अपव्यय की बात सामने आई है। उसके बाद से लगातार मांग के बावजूद इस मामले में सीबीआई जांच की अनुमति न तो पिछली मायावती सरकार ने दी और न ही मुख्यमंत्री अखिलेश यादव ने ही दी है। रमेश ने गुजरात के मुख्यमंत्री और भाजपा चुनाव अभियान समिति के अध्यक्ष नरेन्द्र मोदी अथवा अन्य किसी मुद्दे पर बातचीत करने से इंकार कर दिया और सिर्फ ग्रामीण विकास से जुड़े सवालों के जवाब दिए।



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CBI to quiz ex-IB man in encounter case

NEW DELHI: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is likely to question a former special director of the Intelligence Bureau in the 10-year-old Sadiq Jamal encounter case. Jamal's family had claimed that he was falsely implicated as a terrorist and killed in cold blood.

Agency officials said they would call 1968-batch officer Sudhir Kumar, who later became member of Central Vigilance Commission, from where he retired, for questioning in the case to understand the sequence of events that led to the encounter. Kumar was handling the western zone in Intelligence Bureau headquarters when Jamal was killed in an encounter by the Gujarat Police in Ahmedabad on January 13, 2003.

Investigators are looking into the role of Kumar in the generation of an input about Jamal which said he was a terrorist out to kill Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi. The CBI had also raised similar suspicion about the intelligence alert issued against Ishrat Jahan and three others who were killed in

2004 by the Gujarat Police.

The questioning will escalate the cold war between the CBI and the Intelligence Bureau, as the former is already investigating the role of IP special director Rajinder Kumar in connection with the Ishrat Jahan case.

In the Jamal case, the CBI has questioned a Maharashtra-cadre officer of the rank of joint secretary.

The agency started investigating the case after Jamal's brother Shabir sought a probe into the alleged role played by then IB joint director Rajendra Kumar, former Gujarat minister of state (MoS) for home Amit Shah and the chief minister in the encounter.

The Gujarat Police had claimed that Jamal was a terrorist who had entered the city to kill Modi and VHP leader Pravin Togadia.

The CBI has filed a charge sheet in connection with the case, and is now planning to file a supplementary charge sheet after collecting evidence with regard to the larger conspiracy.

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हेलीकॉप्टर रिश्वत मामला सीबीआई को आज मिल सकती है फोन प्रतिलिपि

नई दिल्ली। 3600 करोड़ रुपये के वीवीआईपी हेलीकॉप्टर घोटाले में इतालवी अधिकारी सोमवार को सीबीआई को टेलीफोन बातचीत के महत्वपूर्ण अंश सौंप सकते हैं। इस कदम से मामले की जांच को तेज करने में मदद मिलेगी।

उच्च पदस्थ सूत्रों के मुताबिक, ये दस्तावेज सोमवार को इटली में मिलान स्थित भारतीय मिशन के अधिकारियों को सौंपा जा सकता है। इसके बाद इनकी जांच और मामले में बिचलियों और अन्य की भूमिका का पता लगाने के लिए इन्हें यहाँ भेजा जाएगा। फोन प्रतिलिपि के मिलने से सीबीआई को 362 करोड़ रुपये के रिश्वत मामले की अपनी जांच को आगे बढ़ाने में मदद मिलेगी। एजेंसी -



सादिक जमाल मुठभेड़ मामले में पूर्व आईबी अधिकारी से पूछताछ करेगी सीबीआई

नई दिल्ली, (भाषा): गुजरात में साल 2003 में सादिक जमाल के कथित फर्जी मुठभेड़ मामले में जांच एक नये चरण में प्रवेश कर रही है और सीबीआई इस मामले में खुफिया ब्यूरो के पूर्व विशेष निदेशक सुधीर कुमार से पूछताछ करने की तैयारी कर रही है। सीबीआई के उच्च पदस्थ सूत्रों ने बताया कि 1968 बैच के आईपीएस अधिकारी कुमार को मामले में पूछताछ के लिए और मुठभेड़ से पहले के घटनाक्रम को समझने के लिए बुलाया जाएगा। कुमार द्वारा दी गयी जानकारी को ही भावनगर शहर के रहने वाले जमाल की हत्या के पीछे कथित कारण बताया जाता है। गुजरात अपराध शाखा के एक दल ने 13 जनवरी, 2003 को अहमदाबाद के बाहरी हिस्से में गैलेक्सी सिनेमा के पास मुठभेड़ को अंजाम दिया था। केंद्रीय सतर्कता आयोग के सदस्य के पद से सेवानिवृत्त हुए कुमार उक्त घटना के समय आईबी में विशेष निदेशक के रूप में कार्यरत थे। सूत्रों ने आईबी की आपरेशनल सैल के तत्कालीन संयुक्त निदेशक से पूछताछ की संभावना से इंकार नहीं किया जो बाद में संगठन के प्रमुख हो गये थे। सूत्रों ने कहा कि एजेंसी मुख्यालय में आईबी में पश्चिमी क्षेत्र को संभाल रहे कुमार की भूमिका एक अलर्ट को लेकर एजेंसी के जांच के दायरे में थी। उन्होंने जानकारी दी थी कि जमाल एक आतंकवादी है जिसका मिशन गुजरात में वीआईपी लोगों को मारना है। सीबीआई पहले ही इस मामले में महाराष्ट्र कैडर के संयुक्त सचिव स्तर के एक अधिकारी से दो बार पूछताछ कर चुकी है और अब सुधीर कुमार तथा रजेंद्र कुमार को बुलाएगी। जमाल के भाई शब्बीर ने मुठभेड़ में तत्कालीन संयुक्त सचिव (आईबी) रजेंद्र कुमार, प्रदेश के पूर्व गृह राज्यमंत्री और मुख्यमंत्री की कथित भूमिका की आगे जांच की मांग की थी।

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Bribery scam gets murkier as CBI tries to shield Bansal

Dateline**New Delhi**

Anil Sinha

Railgate came as a rude shock to everybody. No one in media or politics had imagined that the soft spoken, humble and well mannered Pawan Kumar Bansal would find himself in such a controversy. The then railway minister was in media glare as his nephew Vijay Singla was caught red handed receiving Rs 90 lakh as bribe for fixing the post of Member (electrical), Railway Board and the man for whom the post was being fixed – Mahesh Kumar – had already made it to the post of Member (staff), a post similar in ranking.

The arrest of a minister's nephew and a board member was unprecedented in the railway ministry. Kumar was arrested just a day after he had joined the railway board.

However, Bansal displayed obstinacy as

he refused to resign. He lobbied vigorously and it looked as though he would continue in the ministry. Only after a wide-spread criticism and pressure built up by opposition parties and the media, Congress president Sonia Gandhi swung into action and asked him to resign. A bewildered Bansal left Rail Bhavan to tender his resignation.

The charge made by the CBI against Singla was that he struck a deal of Rs 10 crore for fixing the post of Member (electrical) for Kumar, then general manager of western railway and was to receive Rs 5 crore before the appointment. Singla was caught accepting part of the bribe. Despite this, Bansal was allowed to remain in the post for a week.

The whole episode shook the ministry. Any one could make out the confusion and anarchy in the rail ministry headquarters at Rail Bhavan following the arrests. CBI officials were regularly on raids and every high official including railway board chairman was under scanner. The legitimacy of the appointment at the top was under a cloud. The questions being asked



in the corridors were disturbing to all. Why was Kumar lobbying for the post of member (electrical) when he had already made it to a similar post? What was the attraction? Member (electrical) in the railway board is considered to be the most lucrative. It would give Kumar all the opportunity to earn fabulously as majority of spending is done through this department. The wealth was eventually to be

shared by minister's nephew, that was allegedly the deal.

The charge sheet filed by the CBI exposed all this which was in the domain of gossip. It exposed the rot in the railway board too. Shiv Gopal Mishra, general secretary of All India Railwaymen's Federation, rightly commented how honest and senior officers were sidelined and those who were capable of pleasing the higher-ups could make it to the top posts. "There should be transparency in appointments to the top posts," says Mishra.

Ministry in chaos

How badly the scam affected the morale of the employees can be understood by the fact that the ministry remained in chaos for several weeks to come. Decisions were kept pending and nervous employees were only watching anxiously who would be called next for interrogation by the CBI. No decisions were taken nor any appointments made for a couple of weeks after the arrests. Transcripts of conversations between accused of cash-for-appoint-

ment scam or railgate (Ajay Garg, Sandeep Goyal – other players in the scam – and Kumar) take us into the murky world of tender-fixing and purchase deals. In one of the conversations, Kumar, who was then general manager, western railway, boasted how after becoming member (electrical), he would be able to settle deals for about Rs15, 000 crore.

CBI tapped mobile numbers of Singla, Kumar and other players of the operation – Sandeep Goyal, Manjunath, Rahul Yadav, Ajay Garg, Samir Sandhir and Sushil Daga. Garg fixed the bribe amount. Bangalore-based Manjunath arranged the money and others facilitated the deal and played some or other role in delivery of the cash amount.

In the 500-page transcript of conversation, Bansal has been referred to at least 47 times either as "MR" meaning minister of railways or by his full name. Amidst widespread speculation that the deal was struck on his behalf, he was not made an accused and it came as a surprise to many. He was made a prosecution witness. The

question many were asking was: how could any one buy the proposition that the former rail minister will depose against his nephew who has taken money and promised promotion to Kumar on his behalf? It is most likely that he would obstruct the process of justice to protect his nephew whom he has been treating like his son.

It would not be inappropriate to think that the CBI, from the very beginning wanted to save him. All the other accused were under surveillance of CBI since January 29 this year.

However, there is nothing in the charge sheet to indicate that at any point of time the minister was under surveillance. Why did the CBI not investigate minister's keen interest in this sector?

The questions become all the more relevant when CBI director Ranjit Sinha has himself been monitoring the case because he had been Director General, Railway Protection Force and is aware of railways' functioning. The question now is, will the CBI be able to bring the culprits to justice?



SADIQ JAMAL FAKE ENCOUNTER CASE OF 2003

Ex-IB Officer Slams CBI Move to Question Him in Jamal Case

ON THE WARPATH



Sudhir Kumar, Former Special Director of Intelligence Bureau

Ex-IB Top Cop on CBI



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I cannot understand CBI's agenda: Sudhir Kumar

AMAN SHARMA

NEW DELHI

A former special director of the Intelligence Bureau, IPS officer Sudhir Kumar, has alleged that the Central Bureau of Investigation has vested interests in targeting top IB officials, slamming the agency as it plans to question him in the Sadiq Jamal fake encounter case of 2003.

CBI is reportedly planning to question the 1968-batch officer, who, as special director of IB posted in Mumbai in 2003, was the superior officer of the bureau's joint director Rajendra Kumar posted in Gujarat. "If an organisation is allowed to get away by embarrassing and humiliating senior officials of the IB, the morale of IB's junior officials will fall," Kumar told ET. "There is a hazard of undermining the morale of the entire IB. Why will IB's officers then go out to alert the states about terrorists? I cannot understand the CBI's agenda."

Kumar said CBI had sent him a "cryptic message" eight months ago about its intention to speak to him in the Sadiq Jamal case. "I never heard from them later. Now CBI is planting stories in media about my questioning," alleged Kumar, who retired in 2005 as secretary (security) in Cabinet Secretariat and was then Vigilance Commissioner in CVC till 2009.

A CBI spokesperson, when asked about the agency's purported move to question Kumar, however, offered no comment.

CBI suspects that Rajendra Kumar and Sudhir Kumar were both aware of the 'fake' input generated regarding Jamal by the IB.

"This is ridiculous and inconsequential to my mind...IB is a 125-year-old organisation. Does the CBI want to sit on a judgment on the set methodology of IB in getting information and how they share it with other agencies who take action?" Kumar asked. He added, "I spent 25 years in the IB and I am not answerable about this methodology to anyone. The CBI is supposed to investigate if the encounter was genuine or not but it wants to include in its probe the input sharing mechanism of the IB."

Sudhir Kumar, who joined IB in 1980 from his parent cadre of Maharashtra, also wondered if the probe agency was treating him as a witness or a suspect in the case.

"Is CBI asking me for leads or are they treating me as an accused? I don't know. What is the agency's intention behind leaking such matters?" he asked.

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Traders want Sheila to order probe into CBI's surprise check at VAT office

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NEW DELHI: The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has criticised Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit for being silent on a surprise check conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigation at the VAT Department office here in coordination with the State Government's vigilance unit.

The CBI had conducted searches at the trade tax office suspecting that undervalued challans had been issued by some department officials.

Expressing concern, CAIT secretary general Praveen Khandelwal on Saturday demanded that the Chief Minister, who is also the Finance Minister, should order a high level probe into the matter. "While traders are being harassed by VAT officials, the government has maintained silence and no cognisance has been taken of the matter", he said.

The CAIT said the government should not try to pull curtains on such a grave issue.