

UP govt moves SC to stay CBI probe against Yadav Singh

SCAM Akhilesh govt smells rat in Singh being singled out for investigation; CBI continues raids

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NEW DELHI: The Uttar Pradesh government on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court challenging the CBI probe against Noida Authority's suspended chief engineer Yadav Singh.

The move comes a day after 16 teams of the CBI carried out conducted raids on Yadav Singh's properties across Uttar Pradesh.

Accusing the Centre of using the CBI for its political vendetta, the UP administration said the July 16 Allahabad High Court order directing the CBI probe came only after a joint secretary level officer of the central government asked for it.

"The state government has very serious concern about the manner in which the central government singled out this case for the purpose of having the CBI take over the investigation," read the appeal, stating the state never came in the way of the investigation.

"It is not unknown that many a times the CBI has been used



■ The CBI continued its raids on Yadav Singh's property on Wednesday with the suspended engineer's Noida house being searched. SUNIL GHOSH/HT

to politicize a general criminal case to further political vendetta, when there are different political dispensations in powers at the level of state and the Centre," the appeal read, seeking a stay on the HC order.

SINGH'S ASSETS

The CBI's probe so far has

indicated that during 2009 and 2014, Singh's assets were around seven times more than his known sources of income. His alleged assets stood at ₹13 crore, while it should have been only ₹1.7 crore, said a CBI source.

"According to his (Singh's) income tax returns, his assets

should have been worth ₹1.7 crore during the period," said the source. The agency, meanwhile, is set to ask for a crucial diary belonging to the suspended chief engineer which it supposes might contain details of certain illegal transactions carried out by Singh.

The diary currently is in the possession of the Income Tax department.

Singh's family members have denied all alleged wrongdoings, said the source.

"Two of his associates and three firms are under our scanner for having allegedly benefited from the accused's favours. We are scrutinising certain important official files recovered during our searches that include details on shell companies, bank accounts, financial transactions," said the source. Singh and his family face allegations of illegally amassing assets worth several crores. Singh is alleged to have awarded irregular contracts for pecuniary gains worth crores.

Govt implements new excise policy without L-G's nod

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NEW DELHI: Delhi's new excise policy, which came into effect from August 1, has apparently been implemented without L-G Najeeb Jung's approval, sources said.

Sources said the file containing the new excise policy - which gives its nod for setting up microbreweries in the city - has not yet been sent to the L-G's office.

"Every year, an excise policy is declared and first approved by the Cabinet. It is then sent to the Lieutenant Governor for his approval. But this time no file was sent to the L-G's office and the policy has been in place from August 1. This is the first time that such a thing has happened," said a senior Delhi government official.

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A SENIOR GOVT OFFICIAL

Sources said that apart from sending a proposal on increasing the luxury tax, no other proposal of the excise department — including setting up microbreweries — was sent for Jung's approval.

According to a senior government official, during the tenure of the former chief minister

Sheila Dikshit, all excise policies were approved by the Lieutenant Governor. "There is a protocol for everything and policy decisions such as this can always be challenged in the court if they are not approved by the competent authority," said a senior official.

LENS ON CIRCLE RATES

The AAP government and L-G Najeeb Jung are also at loggerheads over the circle rates for agriculture land. The L-G's office has asked for files pertaining to a notification on enhancement of circle rates, stating that AAP government did not seek his nod for the same. Later in the day the AAP government sent the file to the L-G. Deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia also met Jung later in the day

NDMC to start e-hospital portals by October

NEW DELHI: The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has approached the National Informatics Centre (NIC) for configuration of e-hospital portal in its health care units.

The move will improve patient care and operational efficiency at all NDMC health care centres.

NIC had suggested uploading the proposed e-hospital software for NDMC on its cloud services. This is the first time that such a system is being flagged anywhere in the country.

NDMC chairman, Naresh Kumar, along with other senior officials had attended a video conference organized by NIC and discussed different modules and configuration required in the software with its experts in India.

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DO's

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- ☑ Plan ahead to protect your valuables and important documents
- ☑ Have knowledge of the nearest location of primary health centre and shelter
- ☑ Prepare an emergency kit which includes a torch, radio, dry foods, drinking water, important medicines, valuable documents, list of important phone numbers, candle, matchboxes, ropes, etc. and keep it handy
- ☑ Prepare to take domestic animals to safer places or to higher locations

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- ☑ Do not use flood waters for drinking and cooking. Do not eat any food that may have come into contact with flood water
- ☑ Avoid entering flood water and driving in flooded areas
- ☑ Do not allow children to play near flood waters
- ☑ Do not use electrical appliances, if the building is already flooded
- ☑ Do not return to your home until public authorities have declared it safe
- ☑ Do not create and believe in rumours

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