



No replacement for Vilasrao in Maharashtra Cong

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In Vilasrao Deshmukh's untimely death, the Maharashtra Congress has suffered an irreparable setback. For, currently, there is no other leader in the State Congress, who has his stature, oratory and pan-Maharashtra image. The Congress will miss him badly in the 2014 Assembly and Lok Sabha polls in Maharashtra.

Though the Congress has senior State party leaders like Union Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde and Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan, the two leaders do not enjoy as much popularity across the

State or the connect with party workers at the grassroot level as Vilasrao had.

Nor are they as maverick or politically savvy as Deshmukh was in taking on the likes of Sharad Pawar in the State's competitive coalition politics on one hand and opponents like the Sena-BJP alliance and MNS on the other.

Coming from the dominant Maratha community, Vilasrao was the Congress' answer to Pawar. Even when Pawar was in the Congress, Deshmukh was always his adversary. During his two tenures as the Chief Minister, Deshmukh had resisted as

much as he could to check the growth of the Pawar-founded ruling NCP in the State.

After the 2004 State Assembly poll which saw the NCP bag as many as 72 seats out

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of the 124 seats it had contested and the Congress win 69 seats out of the 157 seats it had contested, the Sharad Pawar party — being the senior partner in terms of numbers — could have easily staked a strong claim for the Chief Minister's post. But, it did not happen.

Pawar may have had his rea-

soning not to make an issue of the Chief Minister's post, but Vilasrao made the most of the situation and succeeded in convincing his party high command that he was better placed to deal with a stronger NCP than Sushilkumar Shinde who had led the Congress in the 2004 poll.

Unlike soft-spoken Shinde, Vilasrao, despite his jovial nature, was more aggressive in his approach. No wonder that Vilasrao, who had been removed from the post 21 months earlier, came to replace Shinde as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra for a second term after the October 2004 Assembly poll.

Vilasrao had to forego his Chief Ministership after the 26/11 attack and was replaced by Ashok Chavan, son of his mentor late SB Chavan. Though Deshmukh himself came under the scanner in the Adarsh housing society scam, it was Ashokrao who bore the maximum brunt in the scam.

The Congress swiftly replaced Ashokrao with Prithviraj Chavan in November 2010 soon after the Adarsh scam broke out. Months later, Ashokrao was made one of the accused in the Adarsh scam by the CBI. As of now, the scamtainted Ashokrao's career is unlikely to take off again.

On his part, Prithviraj has been at the helm of affairs in the State for the last 21 months. Under constant attack from Sharad Pawar and acute pressure from his aggressive Deputy Chief Minister-nephew Ajit Pawar, Prithviraj has survived in the post mainly due to the trust the Congress leadership has in him.

Not familiar with the rough-and-tumble politics practiced by the NCP leaders, Prithviraj will have tough times in the run-up to the 2014 State Assembly poll which may see the Pawar party walk out of the Democratic Front (DF) and contest independently.



विशिष्ट एवं सराहनीय सेवा पदक से सम्मानित सीबीआई के अधिकारी



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CBI, ACB Team Arrive for Probe in Cash-for-Bail Scam

BELLARY A 10-member team of officers from CBI and the Anti-Corruption Bureau of Andhra Pradesh arrived here on Wednesday for its on-going probe into the alleged cash-for-bail scam, involving arrested mining baron G Janardhana Reddy and his associates. Official sources said the team is expected to visit some banks to verify cash transactions of Reddy's aides. Some close associates of Reddy are also expected to be questioned, they said. Reddy's brother G Somasekhara Reddy, MLA and HT Suresh Babu have already been arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau in connection with the scam in Karnataka.





The Yogi and the Commissar

Guest Column

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In his essay *The Yogi and the Commissar*, Arthur Koestler, disillusioned with communism and battling fascism, speaks of the 'yogi' who seeks change from within to transform the world. For him, means alone count. On the other extreme is the commissar, for whom change comes from without, and ends justify the means.

Now, our fire-breathing yogi, Baba Ramdev, may not be a Mahatma but, as Koestler said, it may be necessary "that we have to fight against a total lie in the name of a half-truth". The Indian politician is admittedly not a commissar in the mould of Stalin but he justifies all means to win elections and stay in power: caste politics, buying votes, rigging, offering seats to criminals, jumping into bed with anyone to form a coalition government — nothing is taboo. Between the yogi and the commissar, we have the India of intellectuals, business tycoons, new rich entrepreneurs, a burgeoning class of traders, businessmen, yuppies and the new middle class. At the other end, we have the vast teeming millions of the 'other India' still mired in poverty and ignorance.

Many well-meaning intellectuals live in an ivory tower loath to dirty their hands in politics or join protests to bring about change. Quite a few cosy up to the ruling party eager to be in think tanks that guarantee proximity to pow-

er. The tycoons, hunting with the hounds and running with the hares, are ready to prostrate themselves before every political party and place their bets on multiple horses as they know that people's mandate can swing from one party to the other.

The middle class lives in a cocoon of complacency, oblivious of the vital issues plaguing the country, wallowing in their pubs or clubs, rapt in their family and friends, gorging themselves on new-found consumerism. It reminds us of what Albert Camus said, "The modern man can be summed up in one sentence. He fornicates and reads the newspapers." We can say of the modern middle-class Indian, "He fornicates and watches Hindi movies."

Most of us who are educated and who possess any kind of business or a job are very fortunate. And with all their faults, Ramdev and Anna Hazare are better than the best of us. They are fighting probably "against a total lie even in the face of their own half-truths" for a common cause.

And the 'other India', which is more than half our population, feeling robbed of their rights and watching the bra-

zen plunder of the nation's wealth, is simmering in discontent. Who knows when will it erupt in fury? An ever-increasing number is joining the Maoists and Naxals, seeking refuge and salvation in armed revolt. A central government report itself says that close to 220 districts have significant Maoist and other armed rebel presence. That's a third of India. The rest of India can ignore it at its own peril.

Our yogi is unschooled but has an astute native intelligence, he is not tutored in public relations but is media-savvy, not handsome or skilled in oratory but is charismatic. He is erratic, idiosyncratic, temperamental, unpredictable, has a cult following and seems to know the pulse of the common man. He is accused of stashing black money and evading tax, ridiculed for his bizarre beliefs and native remedies. Maybe he's hungry for publicity, but it doesn't take away the seriousness of his appeal to root out corruption, seek autonomy for the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and get a strong Lokpal. On the contrary, if what the government and some Congress members allege about Ramdev is true, then it only

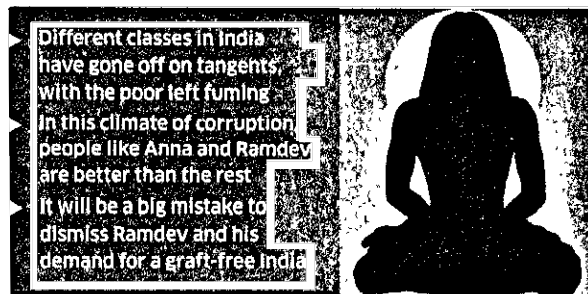
strengthens the argument and the pressing need for independent investigating agencies, and constitutional bodies like Lokpal.

The government has a monkey on its back and cannot shake it off. The mood of the nation is evident, but the UPA seems blind and deaf. Corruption may not be the only issue, but can anyone deny that it is the most important and first of many that needs attention? Having great economists in a brazenly-corrupt country is like having the smartest manager who is dipping his hand into the till, with no money for suppliers. We are fortunate and the UPA must be thankful that the yogi's army is not a militant rebel force like in Syria, or akin to the Maoists waging war against the state.

Even if a 'thug', as someone called the yogi, demands an independent investigating agency, who can argue against it? As Oscar Wilde said, "The best way to conquer temptation is to yield to it." The best way for the commissar to conquer the yogi is to yield to his demands — usher in a strong Lokpal and make the CBI independent. Otherwise, if the opposition comes to power, it may unleash the CBI on the Congress itself. We know from history that the revolutionary who overthrows the tyrant is worse than the tyrant. You only have to look at West Bengal.

The worst mistake the Congress can make is to dismiss Baba Ramdev, just as Winston Churchill derisively did to the Mahatma, calling him a "half-naked fakir".

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24 CBI officers get police medals

Awardees include officials probing Shehla Masood murder, 2G spectrum scam, Commonwealth Games cases

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CBI sleuths probing sensational cases such as Shehla Masood murder, 2G spectrum scam, and Commonwealth Games scam are among the 24 officers who have been awarded the President's Police Medal for distinguished service and Police Medal for meritorious service on the Independence Day.

Among those awarded the President's Police Medal are Assistant Director (Inter-pol) N S Kharayat, who was probing cases related to the CWG scam and was instrumental in high profile deportations in important cases.

Joint Director Keshav Kumar, who headed RTI activist Shehla Masood murder probe, has been awarded President's Police Medal for distinguished services.

His team member DIG Arun Bothra has been awarded Police Medal for meritorious services. SP

Javed Siraj, ASP Ravinder Singh Jaggi, Inspectors R K Gaur, who handles the media wing, and Jeet Singh of Training Academy, are among those decorated with the President's Police Medal.

DIG Sanjay Singh, who is heading one of the anti-corruption units of the agency and has led probe into CWG scam cases, is one of the 18 officers who have been decorated with Police Medals for meritorious service.

DIG R Hitendra of the Anti-Corruption Bureau in Bangalore, who is probing cases against former Karnataka chief minister B S Yeddyurappa, and DIG Hiren C Nath of the Anti-corruption Bureau in Guwahati have also been awarded Police Medal for meritorious services.

DSP Rajesh Chahal of the Anti-Corruption branch, Delhi, who is handling 2G spectrum scam probe, has been awarded the Police Medal for meritorious services.





सीबीआई के तीन गवाह देगे मामले को नया मोड़

वसं, गाज़ियाबाद : आरुषि-हेमराज हत्याकांड में सीबीआई के तीन मुख्य गवाह मामले को नया मोड़ देगे। सीएफएसएल के वैज्ञानिक डॉ. बीके महापात्रा की जिरह पूरी होने के बाद सीबीआई सबसे पहले इन तीन मुख्य गवाहों की गवाही करएगी। सीबीआई सूत्रों का दावा है कि इन गवाहों ने विवेचना के दौरान कई महत्वपूर्ण जानकारियां दी है, जो अदालत में तलवार दंपती पर आरोप सिद्ध करने में कारगर साबित होगी। सीबीआई सूत्र बताते हैं कि इसके लिए अभी से तैयारी की जा रही है। सीबीआई किसी भी सूत्र में **आरुषि-हेमराज हत्याकांड** गवाहों के

मामलों में कोई ढील बरतना नहीं चाहती है। सीबीआई ने 29 दिसंबर, 2010 को इस दोहरे हत्याकांड में क्लोजर रिपोर्ट दाखिल की थी, जिसके अनुसार सीबीआई ने विवेचना के दौरान 67 लोगों से बात कर जानकारी हासिल की थी। सीबीआई का दावा है कि मामले को अंजाम तक पहुंचाने के सीबीआई के पास पर्याप्त सबूत हैं। सुप्रीम कोर्ट में पिछले दिनों डॉ. नूपुर तलवार की जमानत अर्जी पर सुनवाई दौरान सीबीआई ने तेरह गवाहों की सूची दाखिल की थी, जिनकी गवाही डॉ. महापात्रा से जिरह पूरी होने के बाद शुरू होगी।





सीआईडी के बाद अब सीबीआई करेगी गायब लड़कियों की जांच

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अपने घरों से अचानक गायब हुई 40 लड़कियों का मामला अब तक रहस्य बना हुआ है। पहले इनकी तलाश का जिम्मा कोलकाता क्राइम इन्वेस्टिगेशन विभाग (सीआईडी) को सौंपा गया, लेकिन वह इनका पता नहीं लगा सके। अब इसकी जांच सीबीआई के स्पेशल क्राइम जोन नई दिल्ली को सौंपी गई है।

सीबीआई सूत्रों का कहना है कि कोलकाता के सीआईडी विभाग ने करीब तीन साल पहले विभिन्न इलाकों से 40 नाबालिंग लड़कियों को मुक्त कराया था। सीआईडी अधिकारियों ने सभी लड़कियों को अदालत में पेश कर उनके पुनर्वास के लिए एक एनजीओ को सौंप दिया था। लड़कियों को हल्लिया और सांगलप इलाके के पुनर्वास केंद्र में रखा गया, लेकिन धीरे-धीरे यहां से लड़कियां

गायब होती चली गईं। लड़कियों के इस तरह गायब होने पर अदालत ने मामले को गंभीरता से लिया और मामले की जांच सीआईडी को सौंपी गई। सीआईडी ने अपनी जांच में पाया कि एक पुनर्वास केंद्र से 13 तथा दूसरे से 27 लड़कियां गायब हुई थीं।

करीब तीन साल तक तफ्तीश करने के बाद सीआईडी अधिकारी लड़कियों का पता नहीं लगा सके और उसने इस संबंध में अदालत को अपनी रिपोर्ट पेश कर दी। सूत्रों का कहना है कि अब इस मामले की तफ्तीश सीबीआई के स्पेशल क्राइम जोन नई दिल्ली को सौंपी गई है। तफ्तीश तीन माह के भीतर पूरी करनी है। सीबीआई के एक अधिकारी का कहना है कि हमें मामले की फाइल मिल गई है। जल्द ही चार सदस्यों की टीम कोलकाता जाएगी, जहां वे एनजीओ से संपर्क कर पुनर्वास केंद्रों का निरीक्षण करेंगे।



एनआरएचएम में घपले पर लालकिले से प्रशंसा

ग्रामीण स्वास्थ्य मिशन की प्रधानमंत्री को दी गई गलत जानकारी !

जानेंद्र सिंह/एसएनबी

नई दिल्ली। राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण स्वास्थ्य मिशन (एनआरएचएम) में भले ही कई राज्यों में तमाम घपले हुए हों, लेकिन लालकिले के प्राचीर से प्रधानमंत्री ने एनआरएचएम की प्रशंसा कर पूरे चिकित्सा जगत को हैरानी में डाल दिया है। इसका एक ही अर्थ है कि प्रधानमंत्री को मिशन की शायद सिर्फ उपलब्धियां ही बताई गईं।

इसमें कोई दो राय नहीं कि जब वर्ष 2005 में इस मिशन को लागू किया गया तो उसमें बहुत सारी संभावनाएं थी, क्योंकि मिशन का एक-एक सूत्र बहुत बढ़िया था। स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय ने इस मिशन को अपने बजट का सर्वाधिक हिस्सा भी दिया, मगर गांवों में अभी तक उसका बुनियादी ढांचा तक नहीं है। ब्लाक स्तर पर प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र तो खोल दिए गए, मगर वहां पर डॉक्टर न होने की वजह से ग्रामीणों को उपचार नहीं मिल रहा है। डॉक्टरों की नियुक्ति की जाती है, मगर वे या तो अवकाश लेकर प्राइवेट प्रैक्टिस करते हैं या फिर तबादला रुकवा लेते हैं। मेडिकल कालेजों में सेंटें कम होने की वजह से मांग के मुकाबले नए डॉक्टर आ नहीं रहे हैं। इस समय

देश के ग्रामीण इलाकों में 16 हजार से ज्यादा डॉक्टरों के पद खाली पड़े हैं। यूपीए सरकार ने मिशन के पैसे से देश में दो सौ ग्रामीण मेडिकल स्कूल खोलने की योजना तो बनाई, मगर डॉक्टरों और मेडिकल काउंसिल के विरोध के चलते यह काम भी नहीं हो पाया। इन मेडिकल स्कूलों में सरकार की गांवों के लिए दोषम दर्जे के डॉक्टर तैयार करने की योजना है।

गांवों में या उसके आसपास चिकित्सा

- एनआरएचएम में सर्वाधिक घपले, दो राज्यों के मंत्री जा चुके हैं जेल
- 16 हजार डॉक्टरों के पद खाली, एक साल में 15 लाख बच्चों की मौत

सुविधा न होने का सबसे ज्यादा नुकसान नवजात शिशुओं पर पड़ रहा है, क्योंकि ग्रामीण महिलाएं कम पढ़ी-लिखी होने के कारण इतनी जागरूक नहीं होती हैं कि नवजात शिशुओं की देखभाल कर सकें। इसकी वजह से एक वर्ष में करीब 15 लाख बच्चों की मौत हो रही है। इनमें तीन लाख बच्चे ऐसे हैं जो जन्म लेने के 24 घंटे के भीतर मर जाते हैं। इस मामले में देश की स्थिति बांग्लादेश से भी खराब है। मिशन द्वारा टीकाकरण के नाम पर अरबों रुपए खर्च करने के बाद भी लाखों बच्चों की अनिवार्य टीके इसलिए नहीं लग पाते, क्योंकि

वे दूर दराज के गांवों में रहते हैं और वहां तक मिशन की आशा 'या' स्वास्थ्यकर्मी की पहुंच नहीं है। इसकी वजह से गांवों में 55 फीसद नवजात शिशुओं का टीकाकरण नहीं हो पा रहा है। इसका कुप्रभाव आने वाले समय में होता है। यही हाल गर्भवती महिलाओं का है, हालांकि मिशन के तहत इन महिलाओं को उपचार दिया जाता है, मगर डॉक्टरों की कमी की वजह से उन्हें स्त्री रोग विशेषज्ञों के बजाय

स्वास्थ्यकर्मियों (आशा) के भरोसे छोड़ दिया गया है। यही वजह है कि तमाम प्रयासों के बाद भी ग्रामीण इलाकों में मातृ-शिशु मृत्यु दर नहीं थम रही है।

एनआरएचएम में उत्तर प्रदेश में मायावती सरकार के समय अरबों रुपये की कागजी हेराफेरी का समाचार सबसे पहले राष्ट्रीय सहारा ने ही प्रकाशित किया था। जब इस मामले की सीबीआई जांच हुई तो दोनों पूर्व स्वास्थ्य मंत्रियों बाबू सिंह कुशवाहा, अनंत कुमार मिश्रा व तत्कालीन मिशन निदेशक प्रदीप शुक्ला (आईएएस) को जेल

तक जाना पड़ा। इस मामले में उत्तर प्रदेश में कई डॉक्टरों की हत्या तक हो चुकी है। यही हाल छत्तीसगढ़ में हुआ और वहां के भी तत्कालीन स्वास्थ्य मंत्री व स्वास्थ्य सचिव को जेल जाना पड़ा। कई और राज्यों में भी एनआरएचएम के धन में घपलेबाजी के समाचार आ चुके हैं।

ग्रामीणों के स्वास्थ्य का हाल देखना हो तो सरकारी या निजी अस्पताल कहीं चले जाएं, वहां पर ज्यादातर मरीजों की संख्या गांवों के लोगों की होती है। जो पैसे वाले ग्रामीण हैं वे शहर के निजी अस्पताल में जाते हैं और जो गरीब ग्रामीण हैं वे सरकारी अस्पतालों में जाते हैं। एनआरएचएम के बाद भी गांवों वालों को इलाज न दे पाने के बारे में स्वास्थ्य मंत्री गुलाम नबी आजाद भी कई बार कह चुके हैं कि गांवों में डॉक्टर काम नहीं करना चाहते हैं। इसके लिए वे डॉक्टरों के सबसे बड़े संगठन आईएमए को कोस चुके हैं, मगर स्वतंत्रता दिवस पर प्रधानमंत्री के भाषण में एनआरएचएम की प्रशंसा और उसे शहरों में भी लागू करने की बात सुनकर माना जा रहा है कि यदि मिशन की सही जानकारी दी गई होती तो भाषण के अंश में मिशन की प्रशंसा की हटा दिया जाता।





सीबीआई की क्रेक टीम के काबिल अफसर केशव और अरुण ने की बेहतरीन जांच



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नई दिल्ली। नक्सल प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में ज्ञानेश्वरी रेल हादसा हो या फिर पश्चिम बंगाल में नेतई नरसंहार। इनके अलावा और भी ऐसे जटिल मामले सामने आए जिन्हें सीबीआई के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी केशव कुमार और अरुण बौथरा ने अपनी बेहतरीन तफ्तीश के जरिए सुलझाया।

दोनों आईपीएस अधिकारी सीबीआई की क्रेक टीम के सदस्य हैं और दोनों को स्वतंत्रता दिवस पर विशिष्ट तथा सराहनीय सेवाओं के लिए राष्ट्रपति के पुलिस पदक से नवाजा गया है। सीबीआई में संयुक्त निदेशक केशव कुमार (एसटीएफ) और उप महा-निरीक्षक अरुण बौथरा स्पेशल क्राइम-दो नई दिल्ली में तैनात हैं।

सीबीआई में बेहद मुश्किल अपराधों की जांच एसटीएफ को सौंपी जाती है। भोपाल में हुआ शहला मसूद हत्याकांड ऐसा मामला था जिसे लेकर काफी हंगामा हुआ और बाद में तफ्तीश सीबीआई की इस क्रेक टीम को सौंपी गई थी। क्रेक टीम के इन अधिकारियों ने अपनी तफ्तीश के जरिए इस हत्याकांड से पर्दा उठाया। इस कांड में एक महिला सहित पांच लोग गिरफ्तार किए गए।

बंगाल में ज्ञानेश्वरी रेल कांड में 149 लोग मारे गए थे इस कांड को नक्सलियों ने अंजाम दिया था ज्ञानेश्वरी रेल कांड की जांच का जिम्मा भी इसी क्रेक टीम को सौंपा गया था। बेहतरीन तफ्तीश करते हुए इस कांड में सीबीआई अधिकारियों ने 21 लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया। नक्सल प्रभावित इलाके में नेतई नरसंहार की जांच भी इन्हीं अधिकारियों को सौंपी गई थी।

इस नरसंहार में नौ लोगों को मौत के घाट उतार दिया गया था। जांच के दौरान सीबीआई ने आठ लोगों को गिरफ्तार कर मामले का खुलासा किया। बता दें कि ये दोनों अधिकारी अपने बेहतरीन काम के लिए सीबीआई विभाग जाने जाते हैं। नतीजतन, इन्हें नवाजा गया।



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पुलिस अधीक्षक
नई दिल्ली



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आईपीएस, नई
दिल्ली



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निरीक्षक,
लखनऊ



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24 CBI OFFICERS GET PRESIDENT'S POLICE MEDALS

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Twenty four CBI officials have been honoured with this year's President's Police Medal for distinguished service and Police Medal for meritorious service on Independence Day.

Agency officials who have been honoured prestigious medals include Keshav Kumar (joint director), who headed probe into the murder of RTI activist Shehla Masood, Sanjay Kumar Singh (DIG-anti-corruption), Arun Bothra (DIG-special crime), N.S. Kharayat, (assistant director, Interpol), Rajender Kumar Gaur (press information officer) and Rajesh Chahal (Dy SP, anti-corruption).





CWG probe makes no headway in 2 yrs

APATHY Charges filed in one out of 16 cases

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NEW DELHI: Even two years and 16 FIRs later, the Commonwealth Games scam probe seems to be going nowhere.

For, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has, till date, managed to complete investigation and file charge-sheet in only one of the 16 cases.

"So far, we have closed one case against ex-Prasar Bharti CEO BS Lalli. For the rest, investigation is still on," said a CBI spokesperson.

The case against Lalli, however, was closed due to lack of evidence. The rest of the cases are in various stages of investigation.

Sources told Hindustan Times that at least three more CBI probes — bailout package for the Games village, award of the broadcast contract and construction of the Barapullah flyover — are nearing completion. But an official

BROADCASTING RIGHTS

Allegation Govt lost ₹100cr
Status Closed

QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

Allegation Games organising committee hired two London-based firms on fudged quotations
Status Charge-sheets yet to be filed

CWG VILLAGE

Allegation DDA bailed out Emmar MGF with ₹766-crore package
Status About to be closed

BROADCAST CONTRACT

Allegation MTNL manipulated specifications to give ₹570.12-crore contract to HCL Infosystems
Status Closure report likely to be filed

said on condition of anonymity: "This is just the beginning. Many other probes are heading nowhere."

CWG probe makes little progress

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In the case related to the Queen's Baton Relay held in October 2009, the CBI registered two FIRs against CWG officials in 2010 for irregularities in the hiring of two London-based firms. In both cases, the CBI is yet to file chargesheets.

New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) chairman in 2010, Parimal Rai, had been booked for alleged irregularities in awarding civil and electrical contracts for building the

NDMC convention centre to a private firm. Sources said after registering the FIR, the CBI didn't conduct any searches — a standard procedure. The agency claimed the case was not related to the CWG, although the contract was awarded in the run-up to the Games. Rai is in Goa as principal secretary. "If any officer has been transferred from his position, the CBI conducts searches at his subsequent place of work... But in this case nothing happened," said a CBI source.





Slain manager's family rues delay in probe

POLICE APATHY Wants CBI to step in, cops claim 99% investigation complete

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NEW DELHI/GURGAON: Almost a month after senior HR executive Awanish Kumar Dev, 45, was killed by a mob of workers at Maruti Suzuki's Manesar plant, his family has expressed anguish at the slow pace of investigation.

They alleged that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Gurgaon Police has delayed the probe. Dev's wife, Suparna Prasad, said she was clueless about any developments in the investigation. Grief-stricken, she said Dev always had a pro-worker approach that cost him his life. "We want to know who did it and in what circumstances," she said with tears in her eyes.



Prasad has been working at the Ministry of Defence since 2006 and is yet to join work. Their son, who studies in Class 12, has, however, rejoined school.

"Awanish had called me up that evening to say he was leaving for home but he never came. Six days after the tragedy, joint

TALE OF ANGUISH

A LIFE CUT SHORT

- On July 18, Maruti workers at its Manesar plant had run amok and set fire to the office. Awanish Kumar Dev (R) was killed in the arson.
- According to sources, Dev had played a crucial role in getting the Maruti Suzuki Workers' Union registered with the Haryana labour department.
- However, his family alleged that they were totally clueless about any developments in the investigation.
- Dev had joined Maruti Suzuki as General Manager (HR) in June 2010.



Awanish was probably confident that he would not be attacked by the workers as he shared a good rapport with them. This belief perhaps got him trapped and killed by the workers. We want an independent agency such as the CBI to take over the investigation and bring out the truth.

Rameshwar Sah, Dev's 81-year old father

commissioner of police (Gurgaon) Anil Rao visited our home and assured us of speedy investigation. But we are totally unaware of any developments in investigation," she added.

According to sources, Dev played an instrumental role in getting the Maruti Suzuki Workers' Union registered with the Haryana labour department and had personally gone to the

office headquarters in Chandigarh to collect the registration certificate last year.

Rameshwar Sah, his 81-year old father, demanded an inquiry by an independent agency such as the CBI. Sah, a retired government official from Ranchi, and his wife have decided to stay back with their daughter-in-law and grandson at their Malviya Nagar home for some time.

But deputy commissioner of police (east) Maheshwar Dayal, said 99% of the investigation was complete and a final report will be submitted to higher authorities soon.

SY Siddiqui, chief operating officer (administration), Maruti Suzuki, told HT that an "extraordinary compensation package", beyond company norms, had been offered to the family.





AWARDED FOR BRAVERY

On the 66th Independence Day, officers from the police, civil defence and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) were awarded for their service.

PREZ POLICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE



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of police (crime),
Delhi Police



**Ashok Kumar
Verma**
Inspecting Officer,
Civil Defence



**Vijal Kishan
Malhotra**
Additional Chief
Warden, Civil Defence



**Rajender
Kumar Gaur**
Inspector,
CBI



NS Kharayat
assistant director,
Central Bureau of
Investigation

POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



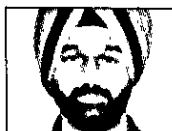
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