

CBI files cases against Noida engineer, raids premises in UP

NAILED About 100-200 CBI officials split into 16 teams and carried out searches at Yadav Singh's residence and offices, probe agency says incriminating documents found

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NEW DELHI: In a major crackdown against Noida Authority's suspended chief engineer Yadav Singh, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday registered two separate cases against him and his family members and conducted raids on his premises across Uttar Pradesh.

Yadav and his family face allegations of illegally amassing assets worth several crores. Yadav is alleged to have awarded irregular contracts for pecuniary gains worth crores.

After registering the cases, about 100-120 CBI sleuths as part of 16 teams carried out searches at 16 locations across Uttar Pradesh, including the Lucknow residence of his daughter whose husband is an IAS officer posted in the state. The CBI raided 14 locations in Noida and allegedly recovered several incriminating documents.

The CBI probe was initiated following a direction of the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court on July 16 that asked the agency to

NOOSE TIGHTENS

Yadav's residence at sector 51 in Noida was sealed after the agency's search on Tuesday

THE TARGETED PLACES

- Yadav's sector 51 residence in Noida
- His relatives' residence in Agra
- Businessman Rajender Minocha's residence in Noida
- Minocha's firm's office, Noida
- Singh's in-laws' residence in Firozabad
- A factory of a second firm, Noida
- The second firm's office, Noida
- Yadav's earlier office at Greater Noida authority
- Yadav's earlier office at Yamuna Expressway authority
- A third firm's office in Noida
- Butler Palace colony residence of Singh's daughter
- Singh's earlier office in Noida

CASES AGAINST SINGH

- The first case alleged that then chief engineer and his family members, associates amassed huge movable and immovable assets during the period 2009-2014 that were disproportionate to his known sources of income
- The second case was against Singh and unknown persons pertaining to probe against him since June 2012. "The allegations levelled in the police FIR were that Singh awarded contracts without following the laid down procedures and thereby caused undue pecuniary gain to the tune of crores of rupees to private firms and himself," said the source

probe corruption allegations against him.

"Incriminating documents including details of shell companies, bank accounts, financial transactions and some important official files relating to the cases against Singh and others have been recovered during today's searches," said a CBI source.

"The agency will soon seek details on aspects related to

his alleged disproportionate assets and favours granted to suspected associates including two builders and their firms from the Income Tax (IT) department and the Noida police," the source said.

The IT department and the Noida Police had been tracking Singh's irregularities since 2012. The department had conducted raids on Singh's premises

in November 2014 that led to the revelation that one of his associates had held ₹10 crore on Singh's behalf along with other documents showing his savings (₹1.7 crore) and assets (₹3.6 crore), said the source.

Singh and his son, Sunny, were reportedly not present at the family's Noida residence when the CBI team went there on Tuesday.

Can't issue warning to chief secy, Centre tells Kejriwal govt

HT FOLLOW-UP

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NEW DELHI: The Centre and the Delhi government are once again headed for a showdown with the Union home ministry (MHA) reacting strongly to the warning letter written by deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia to the chief secretary last month.

The MHA has written a letter to the secretary to Lt. Governor, saying the order of deputy CM Manish Sisodia regarding issuance of warning "remains non-est (doesn't exist) without authority of law and any valid cause of action".



Sisodia had threatened to initiate disciplinary proceedings against KK Sharma for allegedly toeing the Centre's line and violating orders in his letter.

HT was the first to report this development on July 24.

According to a Delhi government official, the MHA said Sisodia did have the jurisdiction to issue the warning as the home ministry is the cadre controlling authority.

The MHA's letter asked the secretary to the L-G to convey the home ministry's position to both the deputy CM and the L-G.

"The CS acted in pursuance of the directions issued by the MHA. The imputations/violations brought out by the deputy CM in his order dated 17 July do not amount to any kind of misconduct," states the letter.

HC refuses to issue order on plea against Meena

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Tuesday declined to issue an immediate order on the AAP government's plea seeking a case against Lt governor-appointed Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) chief MK Meena for not receiving a complaint made by an SDM against some DDA officials while they were allegedly accepting bribe.

Justice VP Vaish refused to pass any order on Delhi government's oral submission and said he will take up the issue on August 11, when an ongoing litigation challenging the Centre's notification giving Lt Governor (LG) Najeeb Jung absolute pow-

Govt to sell onions at ₹40 per kg from 280 centres

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NEW DELHI: Concerned over the rising prices of onions, the Delhi government on Tuesday said it would sell the kitchen staple across the city at ₹40 per kg.

The decision was taken at a cabinet meeting chaired by Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal. "We have decided to sell onion at 280 centres across Delhi at ₹40 per kg. The onions were being procured since April 15," the official added.

The food and civil supplies department had made arrangements for selling onions in packets of one kg each at the fair price shops in all the wards of the city from Monday.

"We have also decided to sell onions through mobile vans at places where fair price shops are not close to residential locations so that the public does not face any inconvenience," said food and supplies minister Asim Ahmed Khan.

Officials said that the government will keep a close check on the prices of other essential commodities and has warned hoarders of strict action in case they indulge in this illegal activity. Onions are selling in Old Delhi's Subzi Mandi area at ₹40-45 a kg while it costs ₹50-55 in south Delhi.

POLICE ARREST WANTED CRIMINAL

NEW DELHI: A 28-year-old criminal wanted in several cases, including the murder of his own sister, has been arrested, police said on Tuesday. The Delhi Police said that Pradeep Saini, resident of Najafgarh, is a habitual offender and has been previously involved in over a dozen cases of murder, robbery, attempt to murder and carjacking.

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