

# CBI V CBI Feud: Central Government Didn't Have the Power to Remove the CBI Director, says Counsel

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Supreme Court on Thursday adjourned the hearing of the plea of CBI director Alok Verma challenging the government's order divesting him of his duties and sending him on leave in view of graft allegations against him, to next Wednesday.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge (Congress), argued before the Apex court's three-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi, that the order to seal Verma's office was passed without powers under the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) Act.

Mr Sibal further told the Apex Court that the power of superintendence cannot override Sections 4A and 4B of the Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act.

"If the power to appoint is with the (selection) committee, the power to remove is also with the committee," Senior advocate said. He further argued that the central government did not have the power to remove the CBI director.

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