

CVC records statements of CBI officers

News Headlines

The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), probing the corruption charges against CBI Director Alok Verma, has stepped up its investigation in the CBI vs CBI row to meet the Supreme Court (SC) deadline of November 12. According to the sources, the CVC, monitored by Justice AK Patnaik (retired), is looking into not just charges of accepting bribe but also derailing probes into Alok Verma.

The CVC was probing these charges after a complaint it received from Verma's deputy Rakesh Asthana in form of a "top secret note" allegedly highlighting a Rs 2 crore bribe trail leading to Verma, in the Moin Quereshi case.

The corruption watchdog had charged the CBI director Alok Verma with being "non-compliant and non-cooperative" during the scrutiny of complaint by Asthana and the ruling became the ground for the government stripping Verma of all powers.

Top sources in the CVC said that the agency has started recording statements of various CBI officials. What's common between these officials is that all were blocked allegedly by Verma from continuing probes had complained in the past against Verma's alleged attempts to scuttle probes in different cases. Sources say that till now statements of three CBI superintendents of police and one DIG, who was posted with the agency, have been recorded. One officer according to CVC Sources is currently posted in Delhi and was allegedly stopped from searching the premises of a railway officer in the IRCTC scam by Alok Verma as charged by Asthana.

The other SP rank officer is posted in Lucknow. Sources say he was allegedly stopped from proceeding against a CBI officer being probed in a bank fraud case by the "on leave cbi director". Interestingly the officer in February this year is said to have complained to the CVC about the alleged "interference" and submitted documents to support his charge.

The CVC didn't respond to calls and messages regarding these developments. The third SP, whose statement according to sources has been recorded, is posted currently at Chandigarh. Sources allege that he was stopped by a "top officer" in CBI in a probe against an officer posted with another enforcement agency. The fourth officer was a DIG in CBI who was allegedly blocked from pursuing cases and repatriated to his parent cadre much before the end of his post tenure. The CBI has also started supplying documents to the vigilance body.

Both Asthana and Verma have been divested of their powers and sent on leave by the government, and a probe is pending. Read more on CBI: CBI hands over documents to CVC

WHAT A MESS! Can CBI and Modi government recover from this setback?

[Read More](#)