

Probe Cong turncoats, TPCC chief tells CBI

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TPCC chief A Revanth Reddy said that his party was mulling impleading itself in the BRS MLAs poaching case, the investigation of which was handed over to the CBI by the high court on Tuesday. He also demanded probe against the Congress MLAs who defected to the BRS.

BJP was determined to have the investigation done by the Central agency. How it matters who probes the case," he said. "It is evident that both parties are using investigation agencies for their political benefits," Revanth alleged and added that the TPCC would write a letter to the CBI seeking a probe into "poaching" of Congress MLAs by the TRS in 2018.

Stating that three out of the four MLAs who figured in the Poachgate case switched loyalties from the Congress, he said that they would give the details of how the defected legislators benefited in the ruling party.

Speaking to the reporters in an informal conversation after participating in the Congress foundation day celebrations at Gandhi Bhavan on Wednesday, Revanth was of the opinion that luring Congress MLAs with a promise of ministerial berths and other significant posts in the government was also corruption. He faulted the positions taken by both the BRS and BJP on the Poachgate case. "The BRS was at fault as it insisted on the probe being conducted by its own government, while the



No stay on ED summons to Rohith Reddy, says HC

Courts directs agency to file reply to BRS MLA's plea by Jan 5th

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JUSTICE K Lakshman of the Telangana High Court on Wednesday declined to stay the Enforcement Directorate notice served to Tandur BRS MLA Pilot Rohith Reddy. However, the court directed the ED to file a reply to the notice issued to the MLA by January 5, 2023, and adjourned the case.

Senior counsel for the petitioner, S Niranjan Reddy, argued that the ED lacked power to investigate as the notice was issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) 2002. Intervening at this stage, Justice Lakshman asked the senior counsel if he was dissatisfied with the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) or the summons issued to Rohith Reddy. To this, the senior counsel replied that he was concerned about the jurisdictional aspect.

When the judge wanted to know whether a charge sheet was filed in the case, the petitioner's counsel replied in negative. However, he reminded the court of the order issued by Justice B Vijayeeswaraiah handing over the Poachgate case investigation to the CBI.

He further argued that the Central government with mala fide intention was using its investigating agencies for

their political ends. Even though no money was found in the case, the ED issued a notice under the PMLA Act and summoned the petitioner for questioning, he alleged.

Objecting to the registration of an ECIR against the petitioner, Niranjan Reddy said the ED probe becomes necessary only when the "proceeds of the crime" are found at the scene of the crime. "The ED cannot examine the matter in the absence of such evidence, according to the SC," he said.

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CBI clean chit to Chandu, Abdullakutty; all accused let off hook

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THE CBI has given clean chit to former chief minister Oommen Chandy in the sexual assault case connected to the sensational solar scam. The development has come as a setback to the LDF government, which had handed over the case, involving several top UDF leaders, to the central agency in February 2021.

The CBI, in its report submitted before the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) court Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday, also let BJP national vice-president A P Abdullakutty off the hook. With this, all the accused in the 2013 case have been deemed innocent by the agency.

In a Facebook post on Wednesday, Chandu said his public life had been an open book. The senior Congress leader, who is undergoing treatment for a throat problem in Bengaluru, said everyone should introspect whether it is right to level baseless allegations and brand someone as tainted.

As per the CBI report, there was no evidence to prove the charges against Chandu. It said he was not present at Cliff House, the official residence of the CM, on the day of the crime as alleged by the complainant. The CBI also said there were discrepancies in the complainant's statements. She had also accused Abdullakutty, then a

Congress leader, of raping her at Mascot Hotel in Thiruvananthapuram. The CBI said there was no evidence to prove this.

The complainant, who was earlier arraigned in a slew of cheating cases, said she will move the court against the CBI report to ensure prompt action against all six accused. "I will continue to take legal action against all the accused persons. The plea will seek to quash the CBI's findings. I will fight till I get justice," she told reporters.

Five days ago, CBI had given the clean chit to AICC general secretary K C Venugopal in the case, citing lack of evidence. Though Venugopal and the complainant had met on various occasions there was no proof to substantiate her claims of sexual assault.

Besides Chandu, Abdullakutty and Venugopal, the complainant had levelled allegations of rape and sexual harassment against Cong MLA A P Anil Kumar and MPs Hibi Eden and Adoor Prakash

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The case was first probed by the Crime Branch, which had registered FIRs against the accused. On February 24, 2021, the state government handed over the probe to CBI, a move that UDF had termed 'politically motivated.'

The Crime Branch too had submitted a report to the government saying they could not find any evidence to implicate Chandu.

Documents for Russian lawmaker's cremation under verification

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CREMATION of billionaire Russian lawmaker and Putin critic Pavel Antov as well as his friend Vladimir Bydanov has emerged as central point of investigation by Odisha Police which is examining authenticity of power of attorney (PoA) documents purportedly issued by their family members for funeral.

within days of each other is believed to have reached out to authorities in India and in Russia. Sources pointed out that PoA for Bydanov's cremation was issued by his son while the lawmaker's was furnished by his daughter Anna Antova.

Information accessed by The New Indian Express reveals the document of power of attorney for Antov's cremation was sent by Russian consulate in Kolkata by email on December 26 to Odisha Police. The

PoV document was written in Russian by Antov's daughter Anna and an English translation was also attached for police to conduct post mortem.

The email suggested that post mortem report be shared with Mikhailurov and used for cremation activities as well as transportation of ashes to the Russian Federation. Turov and his wife Natalia Panasenko were travelling with Russian law-

maker Antov and his friend Bydanov. Police sources pointed out that genuineness of legal documents and those who issued the same are being verified.

On the day, a Crime Branch team questioned Russian couple as well as Jitender Singh, the travel agentcum-interpreter. Singh who is fluent in Russian told investigators that Antov had visited India in the past and the former used to be his guide

and interpreter. In fact, the Russian had a good friendship with him who operated as a freelance tour guide.

For this trip, Antov apparently wanted to visit tribal areas of India and Singh sent him certain options in November. Antov zeroed in on Odisha and North East India for holidaying which ended in the twin tragedy.

While foul-play in the deaths is not suspected yet, sources said Odisha Police was not ruling out any angle.

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