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- **Anti-Corruption Branch, GNCTD has registered a case against Sh. Satyendra Jain, former PWD Minister of erstwhile Delhi Govt.**
- **Allegations of massive corruption in Rs. 571 crores CCTV project for Delhi.**
- **Liquidated damages worth Rs. 16 crores allegedly waived off arbitrarily by receiving a bribe of Rs. 7 crores.**
- **FIR registered after receiving previous sanction U/s 17A POC Act from the competent authority.**

Anti-Corruption Branch, Delhi (ACB) has registered a FIR against Sh. Satyendra Jain, the then PWD Minister of erstwhile Delhi Govt. of Aam Admi Party for allegedly waiving off Liquidated Damages (LD) penalty of Rs. 16 crores imposed on Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL). The penalty related to significant delays in installation of CCTV cameras under a Rs. 571 crores project aimed at setting up of 1.4 lakh CCTVs across 70 Assembly constituencies of Delhi.

The allegation surfaced from a news article which stated that a bribe of Rs. 7 crores was arranged to be paid to Sh. Satyendra Jain, former PWD Minister, the Nodal officer for the project, to waive off liquidated damages worth Rs. 16 crores. During the course of verification at ACB, an officer of the BEL, well versed with the facts of the case, was examined who supported these allegations and provided a detailed complaint in the instant matter.

As reported in various media articles dated 23rd August, 2019, the then Delhi Govt. imposed Rs. 16 crores liquidated damages penalty against BEL and its contractors for delay in the installation of CCTV cameras. However, as per the complaint, not only liquidated damages of Rs. 16 crores were waived off but also repeated orders of installation of additional 1.4 lakh cameras were further given to BEL. The complainant further informed that the bribe amount of Rs. 7 crores was paid through the same contractors who got additional order of 1.4 lakh CCTV cameras. There have been many other instances of complaints stating that the entire CCTV installation project was carried out in a shoddy way and many CCTV cameras were dysfunctional even at the time of taking over of the project

by the PWD. The bribe payments were made through different vendors by artificially enhancing the order values placed with these vendors. The relevant documents are being obtained from PWD and BEL and are being scrutinized.

Based on the aforementioned findings in the instant matter, a proposal to seek previous approval u/s 17-A POC Act was initiated against the former PWD Minister of erstwhile Delhi Govt. The competent authority has accorded its approval to the proposal of ACB.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 04/2025 U/s 7/13 (1)(a) POC Act 1988 r/w 120B IPC has been registered at Anti-Corruption Branch and a comprehensive investigation has been launched to unearth whole conspiracy and fix the role and culpability of the alleged PWD Minister, officials of PWD and BEL.

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