

mortgaged and non-recovery of loans by officials in connivance with fraudsters/defaulters by erstwhile Ballia Etawa Gramin Bank (now Purvanchal Bank), SBI, Central Bank of India in Ballia district of Uttar Pradesh in the month of June, 2013, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether CBI has raided the said banks/branches; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the outcome/findings thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Yes Sir. CBI has received a complaint dt. 18.06.2013 from Sri Yashvir Singh, MP (Lok Sabha).

The contents *inter-alia* include allegations of serious irregularities in SBI, Chitbaragaon and Ballia Etawa Gramin Bank, Narahi Branch and other Banks/Branches of Ballia District, where loans of several crores of Rupees have been lent to fraudsters illegally who are running rackets for securing loans by fraudulent means and bank officials in connivance with the fraudsters have allowed them to make default in payment of outstanding loans for more than 5-10 years. Ultimately, these loans are either waived illegally or declared NPAs.

(b) and (c) No Sir. CBI conducts searches at various places depending on the facts and circumstances of individual cases.

Status of Anti-corruption Bill

542. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of anti-corruption bills introduced during the last three years, the status thereof; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by Government to pass anti-corruption bills at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) During the past three years, the Government has introduced the following anti-corruption Bills in the Parliament for effectively tackling corruption:

Year	Name of the Bill	Present Status
2010	The Public Interest Disclosure and Protection to Persons Making the Disclosure Bill, 2010 (The Whistle Blowers Protection Bill, 2011).	The Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on 27.12.2011 and presently is pending in the Rajya Sabha
2011	The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Bill, 2011	The Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on 27.12.2011 and presently is pending in the Rajya Sabha
	The Prevention of Bribery of Foreign Public Officials and Officials of Public International Organizations Bill, 2011	The Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on 25.3.2011 and yet to be passed by the Lok Sabha
2012	—	—

(b) These Bills are under consideration of the Parliament. Government is keen on early passage of these Bills.

Freedom to CBI

‡543. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to give freedom to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) after the increasing question mark on it and its all round criticism; and

(b) whether Government would set free CBI from its control, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) The Supreme Court passed an order dated 08.05.2013 in Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 120 of 2012, and WP (Civil) 463 of 2012 to know whether the Central Government intended to put in place appropriate law for the independence of the CBI and its functional autonomy and insulate it from extraneous influence(s) of any kind so that CBI is viewed as a non-partisan investigating agency. The Court directed the filing of the affidavit by July 3, 2013.

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.