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Rahul asked to vacate official bungalow

has been living in the 12, Tughlaq Lane bungalow since 2005. A local court in Gujarat had convicted Gandhi in a criminal defamation case on March 23 and sentenced him to two years in jail. The two-year jail term triggered his disqualification as Lok Sabha member from the date of the verdict. Gandhi was granted bail to allow him to appeal to a higher court in a month.

A senior official said an MP has to vacate the official bungalow within one month of losing his membership.

Sources said Gandhi can write to the Housing Committee seeking an extension, and the Panel can take a decision depending on the validity of the reasons cited by him.

The committee has 11 members drawn from different parties and is headed BJP MP C R Patil.

The notification issued by the Lok Sabha Secretariat was marked to various departments, including the Directorate of Estates and the New Delhi Municipal Council, for necessary

Suspension valid till enquiry: HC

The Government servant, court added, can also be placed under suspension if he is detained in the custody whether on a criminal charge or otherwise for a period longer than 48 hours, in such situation the Government servant would be deemed to be under suspension.

"The authority competent to place a delinquent Government employee under suspension is also empowered to revoke such suspension at any time, wherever a Government servant is placed under suspension, it shall be the endeavor of the competent authority to have the charge sheet filed in the court in case of prosecution and the charges served on the Government servant, in case of departmental proceedings within three months from date of suspension", read the DB judgment.

Court said if it is not possible, to file charge sheet against the delinquent officer within time then such authority shall report to the next higher authority explaining the reasons for delay and the cases of such Government officer under suspension would be reviewed by the competent authority periodically to see that the steps could be taken to expedite the progress of trial/departmental proceedings so as to reduce period of suspension to barest minimum.

Court on perusal of the impugned CAT judgment said, it clearly transpires that the aforesaid instructions have not been taken note of by the Central Administrative Tribunal Srinagar Bench, else the only direction that could have been issued by the Central Administrative Tribunal, in the given facts and circumstances,

actions. Congress member Manickam Tagore, who is a member of the committee, hit out at the Government over the decision and linked it to Gandhi's trenchant criticism of its policies.

When Gandhi spoke against a few corporate groups getting all benefits under this Government, his security was given to the CRPF from the SPG and when he spoke on February 7 about "Adani & Modi friendship" he was disqualified as an MP, Tagore alleged.

"When RG spoke on March 25 about Mo-Adani... 27th March they want to take the house also. Wah Narendra baba. What else can you take from him now? Rahul Gandhi speaks truth and he is fighting for India against the wealth being gifted to Adani and make him super rich," he tweeted.

BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla hit back, saying a Government-allotted bungalow is not one's personal property. (PTI)

was to direct the competent authority to review the suspension of the petitioners in the light of the fact that despite the lapse of almost one year, neither charge sheet in a court has been filed nor the departmental proceedings have been initiated.

"It is true ordinarily whenever a Government servant is placed under suspension on a criminal charge, endeavor should be made to produce the charge sheet before the competent court of law within a period of three months. The failure to produce a challan/charge sheet within a period of three months does not automatically vitiate the suspension", court said and further added "However, in such cases the authority conducting investigation must report to the higher authority the reasons for delay. And also, the suspension of such Government servant is required to be reviewed by the competent authority".

The DB allowed the appeal filed by the Government against the CAT order and set aside the same with the direction to the Chief Engineer KPDCI who had passed the order of suspension of the petitioner-Munshi Masood to review the same having regard to the fact that more than a year has passed since the petitioner was placed under suspension and the investigating agency has not been able to present the challan/charge sheet in the court.

"He shall also take note of the fact that even the departmental proceedings against the petitioner have yet not been initiated. He shall consider the entire issue in the light of the Government instructions appended with the Rule 31 vide SRO 616 dated 20th September, 1978, and pass a speaking order within a period of six weeks from the date of copy of the judgment is served upon him", the Court directed.

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Parl nod to J&K budget, Supplementary Grants as RS considers, returns bill amid din

Ministry is expected to release 50 percent budget for 2023-24 for Jammu and Kashmir shortly followed by rest while supplementary grants are also likely to pour in soon.

Officials said the original grant for the financial year 2023-24 for Jammu and Kashmir was Rs 1,12,950 crore. However, during the course of year from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, an amount of Rs 3711.7176 crore shall be drawn in excess of grant under the relevant Consolidated Fund of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to defray expenses on services and purposes required during the period.

This had been largely necessitated due to expenses on account of increase in salaries due to hike in DA at the rate of 4 percent, annual increment, grant-in-aid, subsidy and other revenue expenses including pension and other retirement benefits, increased capital allocation under different sectors like Irrigation and Flood Control projects, Tribal Sub Plan projects and Skill Development projects.

PAN India Drug Licensing portal gets more features, DFCO seeks compliance

ers of drugs / cosmetics (own license/loan license) have been directed show compliance and ensure, first, registration of Corporate Office (firm site address) over the portal, second, registration of technical staff (individual basis) as per licenses; hiring and mapping with licenses thereof, third, after successful registration, uploading of existing license and product approvals data through license management tab, fourth, submission of uploaded, fifth, after review of uploaded data at the official end, online application submission for below regulatory clearances which include: retention of licenses product approvals if due for retention, additional product endorsement and change in technical staff.

It has been directed that the process of registration and existing data uploading followed by submission of data shall be completed by or before April 30, 2023, by all the manufacturers of drugs and cosmetics while the data submitted shall be reviewed and approved/ rejected at the official end instantly on first come first serve basis and is expected to be completed by May 30, 2023.

Further, DFCO has also stated that no offline application for available online services will be entertained beyond the cut-off date which has been noted as June 1, 2023.

It has been also stated that the loan licensee will be able to register/upload data over the portal only after principal manufacturer has completed registration / data uploading, while it has been underlined that the existing Cosmetic Manufacturers who have not obtained licenses as per new licensing regime, Cosmetic Rules, 2020 shall not upload data "but shall apply afresh as per Cosmetic Rules, 2020."

Lastly, DFCO said that the CDAC has informed that 5 types of certifications are likely to be released over the portal in a short time and that the information regarding the same shall be disseminated accordingly.

SIU initiates LR to arrest 13 militants

of Hullah, Kishtwar; Nayeem Ahmed alias Amr/Gazi of Kishtwar, Mohammad Iqbal alias Bilal of Kishtwar, Shah Nawaz alias Nayeem of Chirool, Padyama; Javid Hussain Giri alias Muzamil of Kondali Pochal, Bashir Ahmed Mughal of Jugna Keshwan, Sattar-ul-Din of Jugna Keshwan, Gazi-Din alias Rajab alias Saifulah od Jugna Keshwan, Imtiaz Ahmed alias Dawood of Banderna Kishtwar, Shabir Ahmed of Kithor Bonjwah, Mohammad Rafiq Keen of Patnazi Bonjwan, Muzaffar Ahmed of Senna Colony Zewar Kishtwar, and Azad Hussain of Afiani Paddar.

"To arrest them", the press statement said, "CIO of the case, DySP PC Kishtwar, Vishal Sharma, has started the process of Letter Rogatory (LR)."

40,000 students enroll in Govt schools in Kashmir with 8,000 switching from private institutions

textbooks, Tasaduk mentioned that orders were issued in September last year that books would be issued from the Board. He acknowledged that there have been some challenges in this regard, but with the recent appointment of the JKBOSE Chairman, the process will gain momentum.

13 officers transferred

Shabir Ahmad Wani, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Kupwara, was transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Bandipore. 27 33 Parvaiz Rahim, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Bandipore, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Kupwara.

Hilal Ahmad Bhat, awaiting orders of adjustment in the Mining Department, Srinagar, was posted as Personnel Officer in the Directorate of School Education, Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Abdul Gaffar Bhat, Tehsildar, Shahab Bala, was transferred and posted as Deputy Director, District

Dhangri terror attack victims threaten to migrate, return ex-gratia

don't need money. We need justice by bringing terrorists and their supporters to book. If they don't address our demand, we will all migrate from here (Dhangri)," she told reporters in Rajouri.

Flanked by a large number of villagers, Bala said though about 90 days have passed since the gruesome attack, there were no whereabouts of the terrorists involved.

"We have not received any information about the progress of the case and terrorists involved in the attack so far," she said.

Bala said she appreciated the support provided to the victims' families by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and J-K BJP chief Ravinder Raina.

"How is it that? My son was fired 18 to 20 rounds. Terrorists from across the border would fire a single or twin shot to kill a person but why were so many bullets fired? They (attackers) killed people after checking their IDs," Bala said.

"Even if that is true, what about those who gave them support to infiltrate, guided them and provided food and shelter here,?"

Nepal puts Amritpal on surveillance

its surveillance list following a request from the Indian Embassy here, officials said.

"We have received a written note along with a copy of his passport from the (Indian) embassy suspecting that Amritpal Singh might have entered Nepal," said Kamal Prasad Pandey, the Information Officer at the Department.

"The Indian Embassy has sent the note asking the Department to put Singh, a member of a separatist group, on the surveillance list," Pandey said.

It was suspected that he had entered Nepal and was hiding somewhere around.

There was no immediate confirmation about the letter from the Indian mission here.

Earlier, the Kathmandu Post newspaper reported that in a letter sent to the Department of Consular Services on Saturday, the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu has requested the government agencies to arrest Singh if he tries to flee from Nepal.

Bridge on road to SMVDU, Narayana Hospital awaits completion

have left the work halfway citing the reason of cost escalation even as the district Administration and Department of Public Works (R&B) have been repeatedly issuing notices to the erring contractor.

Once completed, the bridge would have reduced the distance of SMVD University and Narayana Hospital along with half a dozen villages from the Jammu-Udhampur National Highway by two kilometers. Due to prolonged delay in completion of this much required double lane motorable bridge, a narrow road with makeshift bridge is the only access to the university, Narayana Hospital and these villages.

According to the official sources, construction of this bridge was sanctioned under Central Road Fund (CRF) but work on the same along with several other projects came to standstill following stoppage of additional funds to J&K by the Union Government over the issue of land acquisition cases under the scheme.

After remaining stalled for some time, the work on this bridge was taken up for completion under languishing projects. However, the project failed to take off even under languishing projects as the Contractor refused to complete the work claiming cost escalation, particularly steep hike in prices of steel, which is used in superstructure of the bridge.

Pertinent to mention that superstructure is that part of the bridge which is mounted on the supporting system (substructure) for traffic and includes deck, slab and girders.

Following stoppage of the work, sources said that the Department of Public Works and the District administration have been issuing notices to the Contractor for completion of the project but all in vain even as a show cause notice warning action under CrPC by the Deputy Commissioner Reasi was also served recently.

When contacted, Chief Engineer PWD(R&B) P C Kannoy told the Excelsior that the department was mulling termination of the contract and issue fresh tender for the pending work.

"Final notice has been served and we are working out modalities for termination of the contract besides blacklisting the contractor and forfeiting his CDR deposited with the department," said the Chief Engineer, adding that fresh tender for completion for the work is likely to be issued soon.

3 dynastic parties responsible for turmoil in J&K: Chugh

comments", the BJP leader added. He said whether it is Nehru, Gandhi, Abdullahs or Muftis family, law is equal for all and whosoever disrespects the law has to face the action. He, while commenting on disqualification of Rahul Gandhi, said law has taken its course and there was nothing personal in it.

EPFO to decide interest rate today

This was the lowest since 1977-78, when the EPF interest rate stood at 8 per cent.

"The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation's (EPFO's) apex decision making body Central Board of Trustees (CBT) is likely to decide the rate of interest on EPF for 2023-23 at its two-day meeting beginning on Monday afternoon," a source said.

Besides interest rate, the CBT will also discuss the annual accounts of the EPFO for 2022-23.

The trustees will also deliberate on the action taken by the EPFO on the Supreme Court order for giving a four-month window to Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 subscribers to opt for higher pension.

The EPFO has provided the facility to opt for higher pension to its subscribers till May 3, 2023. The 8.5 per cent interest rate on EPF deposits for 2020-21 was decided by the CBT in March 2021.

Transgressions may potentially trigger escalation along LAC: Army chief

S Jaishankar, who had said, "for (India-China) ties to return to the positive trajectory and remain sustainable - they must be based on three mutual sensitivity, respect, and interest."

New Delhi has repeatedly maintained that its ties with Beijing cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas. General Pande said engagement mechanisms exist at political, diplomatic, and military levels between the two countries which are optimally utilized to ensure stability along the LAC.

Talks are continuing under these establishment mechanisms, he said. "China has accrued significant capacities for force mobilization, application, and sustenance of military operations. It has built infrastructure of military significance - be it roads, airfields, heli-pads, and so on," the Army chief added. He said the Indian Army's

an institutional framework will be developed to ensure that the textbooks are updated on a regular basis. (PTI)

Revised NCERT books from 2024-25

Government to revoke the detention of some persons under the NSA and demanded that those who have been sent to Dibrugarh jail in Assam should be brought back to Punjab so that law can take its own course. He said it would be wrong to say that there was a threat to national security due to the Sikhs who have been detained.

Akal Takht Jathedar gives 24-hr ultimatum for release of Sikhs held following crackdown on Amritpal Singh

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Without naming anyone, Singh said the NSA should also then be invoked against those who speak about 'Hindu Rashtara'.

The Jathedar said it would extend all help to those "innocent Sikhs" who have been held in this matter.

The Jathedar claimed around 400 Sikh youths had been "arrested" and 198 had been released.

But the Sikh community wanted release of all arrested Sikhs, he said. He also asked the police to release the impounded vehicles of the Sikhs.

Punjab Police on Sunday had said it has released 197 persons out of total 353 taken into preventive custody on apprehension of breach of peace and disturbance of law and order.

SC refuses to issue notice on CBI's plea challenging bail to Lalu Yadav

The Supreme Court on Monday tagged with pending matter a plea of the CBI challenging grant of bail to Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supreme Lalu Prasad Yadav in the Doranda Treasury case of Jharkhand wherein he was sentenced to five years in prison.

A bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and Bela M Trivedi said it is not issuing notice but tagging the matter with the pending similar appeal also filed by the CBI.

Additional Solicitor General S V Raju and advocate Rajat Nair sought the issuance of notice in the matter but the bench said it will hear the matter together and was not inclined to issue notice. The CBI has challenged the Jharkhand High Court's April 22, 2022 order granting bail to Yadav in the case.

Seventy-four-year-old Yadav is currently out on bail due to ill health after his conviction in various fodder scam cases. The former Bihar chief minister was sentenced to five years in prison and slapped with a fine of Rs 60 lakh by a special CBI court in Ranchi in connection with the fifth fodder scam case involving embezzlement of over Rs 139 crore by Doranda Treasury. Yadav was convicted by the CBI court on February 15 last year. On February 21, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined Rs 60 lakh in the fodder scam case. Yadav had held the finance portfolio of undivided Bihar, of which he was the chief minister, during the period of the scam. He had allegedly received kickbacks through the animal husbandry department. (PTI)

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