

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3497  
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2011  
CASES REGISTERED BY CBI  
Pratap Narayanrao Shri Sonawane

**Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has initiated any enquiry on different complaints and registered cases against certain officials of the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) including its former chief and some private persons/firms under the IPC and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. CBI had received various complaints against the then Director General of Hydrocarbons (DGH), New Delhi and others. After initial enquiry and analysis, 03 Preliminary Enquiries (PEs) viz PE. 6(A)/2009-ACU-VIII, PE. 7(A)/2009-ACU-VIII and PE. 8(A)/2009-ACU-VIII were registered on 26.11.2009 against the then Director General of Hydrocarbons (DGH), New Delhi and others. On the basis of the findings of PE. 7(A)/2009-ACU-VIII one Regular Case (RC) No. 8(A)/2011-AC.III dated 30.06.2011 has been registered against the then Director General of Hydrocarbons, New Delhi and others on the allegations that the officials of Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) and other private persons entered into criminal conspiracy and abused their official position to favour M/s GX Technology, 2011, City West Blvd suit 900, Huston TX, United States of America by awarding contract for conducting Seismic Speculative Survey on nomination basis at an exorbitant cost and thus caused huge financial loss to the Government. The case is under investigation.

(c) : CBI carries out investigations according to established procedures under the law. Government has no role to play in the investigations.