



General Consent Principle for CBI

Why in News?

According to the sources, Chhattisgarh government will restore **General Consent for the [Central Bureau of Investigation \(CBI\)](#)** to probe cases in the state.

- The States give their general consent to CBI under **Section 6 of the [Delhi Special Police Establishment \(DSPE\) Act, 1946](#)**.

Key Points

- As of March 2023, Mizoram, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Kerala, Jharkhand, Punjab and Meghalaya had **withdrawn their general consent given to CBI**.
- **General Consent Principle for CBI:**
 - The consent of the **state government to CBI can be either case-specific or “general”**.
 - General consent is **normally given by states to help the CBI in the seamless investigation of cases** of corruption against central government employees in their states.
 - This is **essentially consent by default, which means CBI** may begin investigations taking consent as having been already given.
 - In the **absence of general consent, CBI would have to apply to the state government** for its consent in every individual case, and before taking even small actions.