



Notice on Jharkhand Mukti Morcha's Plea Against Lokpal Order

Why in News?

The Delhi High Court issued notice on a plea moved by [Jharkhand Mukti Morcha](#) against an order passed by the [Lokpal of India](#) directing [the Central Bureau of Investigation \(CBI\)](#) to investigate two properties which are under the party's name.

Key Points

- The order was passed on a complaint against Rajya Sabha MP. The Lokpal had directed CBI to probe the alleged benami properties linked to the MP within six months.
- It was submitted that the impugned order is beyond the jurisdiction of the Lokpal of India under the [Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013](#).

Lokpals

- **About:**
 - The **Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013** provided for the establishment of Lokpal for the Union and Lokayukta for States.
 - These institutions are **statutory bodies without any constitutional status**.
- **Functions:**
 - They perform the function of an "**ombudsman**" and inquire into allegations of corruption against certain public functionaries and for related matters.

Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

- It is the premier investigating police agency in India.
 - It provides assistance to the **Central Vigilance Commission and Lokpal**.
- It functions under the superintendence of the Deptt. of Personnel, Ministry of Personnel, Pension & Public Grievances, Government of India - which falls under the prime minister's office.
 - However, for investigations of offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, its superintendence vests with the Central Vigilance Commission.
- It is also the nodal police agency in India which coordinates investigation on behalf of **Interpol Member countries**.
- Its conviction rate is as high as 65 to 70% and it is comparable to the best investigation agencies in the world.

