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KALPATARU BUILDERS' MUMBAI LAND SCAM

CAG (AUDITOR) OBSERVES DEFENCE MINISTER PARTY TO SCAM

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It is now proved that Kalpataru Builders grabbed the defence land at Kandivli, Mumbai. CAG (Auditor) says that the defence land was handed over to Kalpataru builders with the connivance of Defence Minister of State of India, Maharashtra Government and the Builder.

Dr. Kirit Somaiya, BJP National Secretary & Chairman – Scam Expose Committee, today released the CAG's Preliminary Report on the defence land scam of Mumbai. It is nothing but ADARSH II ghotala.

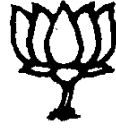
CAG report says –

“Further, the Audit examination also revealed that when the COD opposed the development work by putting up sentries, the QMG's Branch on 10 December 2007 instructed the LMA to 'remove all obstructions forthwith and let the legal owner go ahead with his planned development'. The instructions were issued after intervention of the then Chief of Army Staff (COAS). As the land was in possession of the Army, ideally a case should have been filed. However, no case was filed.”

Defence Minister asked the Military authorities to hand over the plot to Kalpataru Builders –

Audit Report says –

“As COD obstructed the development by placing sentries, M's. Neo Pharma – Kalpataru Group approached the Raksha Utpadhan Rajya Mantri (RURM). The Minister's Personal Secretary on 15 November 2007 wrote to the Army Chief's Secretariat to put up the matter to the Chief of Army Staff for 'appropriate' action. The next day, i.e. on 16 November 2007 the then Chief of Army Staff



wrote 'Pl. process' and forwarded the file to the Quarter Master General's Branch (QMG) for further action. On 10 December 2007 the QMG intimated the Personal Secretary RURM that the actions of the local military authorities (LMA) appear to be a result of misunderstanding and communication gap between them and the Defence Estates Authorities. It further stated that LMA has been instructed to remove all obstructions forthwith and let the legal owner go ahead with his planned development. Based on the directions from Mumbai Sub Area, the COD removed the Guards and Boards."

Defence Ministry has now accepted the scam and intimated the CAG that

"Court of Inquiry has been ordered for the defence land scam of Kalpataru Builders, Mumbai".

BJP leader Dr. Somaiya demands –

1. Action against Raksha Utpadan Rajya Mantri, Rao Inderjit Singh.
2. Defence Minister of State ordered his personal secretary to ask the Military authorities of Mumbai to hand over the defence land to Kalpataru Builders. Defence Minister Mr. Anthony must explain.
3. CBI should be asked to file a case against Kalpataru Builders, Personal Secretary to the Defence Minister of State, Defence officials, Collector, Government of Maharashtra against IPC 120(B), 405, 406, 420, 465.
4. Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Prithviraj Chavan should ask the Collector, Revenue officials and the Mumbai Municipal Corporation to take action and cancel all illegal permissions issued to Kalpataru Builders
5. Innocent buyers of flats in Kalpataru Towers should be protected.

Press Secretary