

INDIA'S FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION



CONTEXT

CVC highlighted delays in disposal of corruption cases investigated by the CBI.



7,229 cases under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 were pending trial as of 31 December 2025.



PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT, 1988

Federal law → In Karnataka, enforced primarily by **Karnataka Lokayukta**.

Provision	Offence	Penalty
Section 7	Taking bribes	3–7 years imprisonment + fine
Section 8	Giving bribes	Up to 7 years imprisonment
Section 13	Criminal misconduct	4–10 years imprisonment for misappropriation of property or illicit enrichment



STRICT LEGAL CONDITIONS

1 Demand + Acceptance

Prosecutors must prove both:



Demand was made



Bribe was accepted



Missing either element invalidates the case, according to the Karnataka High Court ruling cited in the source.

2 Section 17A – Prior Sanction

Police cannot investigate a public servant's official decisions without prior government approval.



KEY ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

Karnataka Lokayukta

Independent state anti-corruption ombudsman

Traps • Raids • Prosecutions



CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSION (CVC)

Institutional Snapshot

Aspect	Details
Role	India's apex statutory body for integrity, transparency & accountability in public administration
Established	1964
Basis	Recommendations of Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption
Statutory basis	Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003
Composition	1 Central Vigilance Commissioner + 2 Vigilance Commissioners
Tenure	4 years or until age 65, whichever is applicable
Appointment	President of India



CVC – POWER & FUNCTIONS

CVC Act, 2003



• Combat corruption
• Ensure integrity, transparency & accountability



• Superintendence over vigilance administrations of Central Government ministries, departments & organisations



• Supervise & guide anti-corruption inquiries
• Cases referred by Lokpal
• Whistleblower complaints under PIDPI



• Supervises CBI in cases involving offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988



• Senior appointment role
• Chairs committees recommending senior officers in Directorate of Enforcement and CBI (SP level and above, excluding CBI Director).