

CBI/24/2026
RC-0032025A0051
CBI v. Ankit Bathla and Anr.

26.02.2026

Present: Sh. Raj Kamal, Learned PP for CBI.
IO Inspector Anup Ranjan, in person.

1. Documents filed on record today. IO submits that the sanction order dt. 17.12.2025 qua A-1 Ankit Bathla under section 19 of PC Act has already been obtained and is on record. Submissions heard on the point of cognizance. Record perused.

2. FIR under Section 7 of PC Act read with Section 61 (2) of BNS was registered on 30.08.2025 on a written complaint dt. 28.08.2025 of one Pradeep Baugh. A-1 Ankit Bathla (Commercial Supervisor) had been assigned the task of booking of parcels at Old Delhi Railway Station. The allegation, *inter alia*, is that A-1 Ankit Bathla used to demand Rs. 10/- for every parcel booking and consequently, he raised a demand of Rs. 8,500/- from complainant Pradeep Baugh. On complainant's refusal to give in to the said demand, he was harassed and his booked parcels were left out in the open and exposed to the elements.

3. A verification of the allegations of the complaint was carried out on 28.08.2025 and 29.08.2025 and in this regard, verification memos were drawn up. On 28.08.2025, a CBI team along with an independent witness reached Old Delhi Railway Station. A Digital Voice Record (DVR) with a fresh memory card therein was placed on the person of the complainant. The independent witness was directed to follow the complainant and

discreetly overhear the conversation between the complainant and the suspect. Sometime later, both of them came back to the CBI vehicle. Complainant informed that A-1 Ankit Bathla met him and demanded Rs. 8,500/- with assurance that the bribe amount per parcel will be reduced to Rs. 8/- from Rs. 10/-. The independent witness informed that he saw the complainant going to the window of the parcel office at Old Delhi Railway Station and that two of them were speaking to each other. The recorded conversation corroborated the version of the complainant.

4. In the complaint of the complainant Pradeep Baugh, there were allegations against Amar Shekhar Parcha, Station Director, Old Delhi Railway Station. To verify the role of this public servant, the verification exercise was kept open and which was eventually conducted on 29.08.2025. The CBI team along with the complainant and an independent witness reached Old Delhi Railway Station. A Digital Voice Record (DVR) with a fresh memory card therein was placed on the person of the complainant. The independent witness was directed to follow the complainant and discreetly overhear the conversation between the complainant and the suspect. The complainant and the independent witness entered the Old Delhi Railway Station at about 12.02 hours. They returned sometime later to the CBI vehicle; complainant informed that Amar Shekhar Parcha was not in his office and would arrive sometime during lunch hours. At about 13.30 hours, complainant and independent witness again went to meet Amar Shekhar Parcha however, he was not found as he had gone to some meeting; and the information was

that he (Amar Shekhar Parcha) would not return to his office that day. Thereafter, all the individuals of the verification team returned to CBI office at about 15.15 hours.

5. Thereafter in order to ascertain the whereabouts of A-1 Ankit Bathla, complainant called him and in response thereto, he (A-1 Ankit Bathla) replied that he would call back on WhatsApp. Few minutes later, he (A-1 Ankit Bathla) called on WhatsApp on complainant's mobile phone. The conversation was recorded. In this conversation, he (A-1 Ankit Bathla) informed the complainant that he would be available in his office the next day (30.08.2025) at about 16.00 hours to take the bribe money.

6. Subsequent thereto, FIR was registered on 30.08.2025.

7. A trap was then laid on 30.08.2025 after registration of the FIR. CBI team along with complainant and the two independent witnesses, after doing the official formalities for laying the trap, reached Old Delhi Railway Station at about 12.55 hours. A Digital Voice Record (DVR) with a fresh memory card therein was placed on the person of the complainant. Complainant went to the booking counter and spoke to A-1 Ankit Bathla. After a short while, he (A-1 Ankit Bathla) called a person by shouting Bittu (later identified as A-2 Vineet Kumar @ Bittu). A-2 Vineet Kumar alias @ Bittu, arrived and, after a brief conversation with the complainant, received the bribe money from him and counted it. Thereafter, while moving towards the parcel booking counter, he was apprehended. A-1 Ankit Bathla was also apprehended. Hand washes of A-2 Vineet Kumar @

Bittu turned pink in a solution of sodium carbonate and water. The complainant and the two independent witnesses narrated the entire sequence of events thereby corroborating each other. The recorded conversation also corroborated the factum of bribe being demanded by A-1 Ankit Bathla and thereafter being collected on his behalf by A-2 Vineet Kumar @ Bittu. Specimen voices of the accused persons were taken. The questioned voices and the specimen voices were sent to CFSL. Mobile phones of both the accused were seized and sent to CFSL. These two forensic reports are awaited. The hand washes of A-2 Vineet Kumar @ Bittu were also sent to CFSL. The CFSL report gave positive opinion about presence of phenolphthalein powder in the hand washes.

8. One Mr. Shambhu Dayal Meena, a Government official working at Old Delhi Railway Station, identified the voice of A-1 Ankit Bathla. One Mr. Gagan Jain had identified the voice of A-2 Vineet Kumar @ Bittu. CAF and CDR details of mobile phones of both the accused and the complainant were collected.

9. On perusal of the FIR, chargesheet, statement of witnesses under section 180 of BNSS, and the sanction order dt. 17.12.2025 under section 19 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in year 2018) and other documents on record, I hereby take cognizance of the offences punishable under section 61 (2) of BNS, 2023 read with section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in year 2018) and the substantive offence(s) thereof.

10. There is sufficient ground for proceeding further against A-1 Ankit Bathla and A-2 Vineet Kumar @ Bittu. Let A-1 Ankit Bathla and A-2 Vineet Kumar @ Bittu be summoned for the said offences. Put up for appearance of the accused persons on 13.03.2026. Issue notice to IO to appear physically before the Court on the next date of hearing.

(M. P. Singh)
Special Judge (PC Act) CBI-02
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