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NEW DELHI: After having completed its preliminary inquiry into the cash-at-the-door case against a judge of the Punjab and Haryana high court, the CBI has now sought the Chief Justice of India's permission to register a regular case.

The CBI, which has found prima facie evidence against the judge, has taken the decision in light of a Supreme Court order to seek the permission of the Chief Justice of India to register a regular case against the judge.

The agency said on Friday it has completed investigations in the case and has sent a report to the Union government and Supreme Court.

The judge, Justice Nirmal Yadav (CBI refrained from naming Yadav directly on Friday) is accused of taking money from a Delhi-based hotelier. Sources said that the report had been sent also to the DoPT by the agency because the allegations against the judge have been substantiated by enough evidence and it now needs the permission of the Supreme Court Chief Justice to register a case.

Sources said CBI has said in its report that Yadav knew the hotelier well. "The investigation has been completed in the case related to delivery of Rs 15 lakh at the residence of a high court judge at Chandigarh on August 13 2008. The case was registered on August 16 by Chandigarh police and we took over the case on August 28. A report has been submitted to the central govt and the SC for necessary action," said the CBI spokesperson.

The money was found lying at the door of another judge, Nirmaljeet Kaur, on August 13. The CBI, however, has said in its report that Kaur was appointed only in July 2008 and that she was part of a division bench.