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CJI recommends impeachment of Calcutta HC judge

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New Delhi, September 7 For only the second time in the history of India's higher judiciary, the Chief Justice of [India](#) has recommended that a judge be removed from "service".

Early last month, Chief Justice K G Balakrishnan wrote to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh that Justice Soumitra Sen of the Calcutta High Court be removed from the judiciary for "misconduct" prior to his elevation, in the way he had appropriated Rs 32 lakh as court-appointed receiver in 1993 in a lawsuit between Steel Authority of India Ltd and Shipping Corporation of India over supply of fire bricks.

Justice Balakrishnan sought the PM's "intervention to initiate impeachment process" in Parliament as a three-judge inquiry committee had established Sen's misconduct in depositing the money in his personal account, despite being aware that the proceeds had to be kept in a bank of his choice for safe custody, said officials in the Prime Minister's Office.

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