

Book 'Chakku' Radhakrishnan: VACB, Kerala govt face HC's ire in Malabar Cements scam case

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Highlights

1. The HC severely criticizes the director of VACB in the the Malabar corruption case.
2. It orders the VACB director to immediately register an FIR against Radhakrishnan and the other accused.
3. Soorya Group chairman Radhakrishnan was a private contractor of Walayar-based public sector undertaking named Malabar Cements Ltd.



KOCHI: The Kerala High Court on Friday severely criticized the director of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau (VACB) for not registering an FIR against businessman VM Radhakrishnan alias 'Chakku' Radhakrishnan in Malabar Cements corruption case.

Ordering the VACB director to immediately register an FIR against Radhakrishnan and the other accused, justice B Kemal Pasha said interference of the higher-ups is suspected in the matter and if the high court remains a mute spectator to it, it would be equal to giving a burial to the criminal justice dispensing system. Soorya Group chairman Radhakrishnan was a private contractor of Walayar-based public sector undertaking named Malabar Cements Ltd and was allegedly involved in corrupt deals. In 2013, a controversy had erupted when party organ 'Deshabhimani' featured an advertisement by Radhakrishnan's group wishing success to CPI-M's three-day plenum held at Palakkad.

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An order was issued by the court after pointing out that the case was closed by the high court in 2006 based on VACB's submission that an FIR has been registered. In the order issued on Friday, the court said, "This is a case wherein apparently the Director of Vigilance as well as the Additional Chief Secretary of the State are stooping before the accused, who are being considered as more equals. It is not clear whether it is as per the directives of the government. That cannot be expected from the government as well as the Director of Vigilance and the Additional Chief Secretary of the State. The Director of Vigilance was sleeping over the files unnecessarily and finally, he wanted to wash his hands by addressing the Additional Chief Secretary. This is not the way in which the matter ought to have been treated by the Director of Vigilance, and the Government."

Considering a petition filed by Joy Kaitharam of Thrissur, the court said cognizable offences were detected in the quick verification conducted but the VACB director sat on the report and then forwarded it to the additional chief secretary, who ordered a vigilance enquiry against only one of the accused and excluded Radhakrishnan from the probe.

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