

In **Secretary, Minor Irrigation and Rural Engineering Services, U.P. and Others Vs. Sahngoo Ram Arya and Another**,^[1] this Court observed that although the High Court has power to order a CBI inquiry, that power should only be exercised if the High Court after considering the material on record comes to a conclusion that such material discloses *prima facie* a case calling for investigation by the CBI or by any other similar agency. A CBI inquiry cannot be ordered as a matter of routine or merely because the party makes some allegation.

^[1] Secretary, Minor Irrigation and Rural Engineering Services, U.P. and Others Vs. Sahngoo Ram Arya and Another, AIR 2002 SC 2225 : (2002) CriLJ 2942 : (2002) 1 JT 286 Supp : (2002) 4 SCALE 455 : (2002) 5 SCC 521 : (2002) 2 SCT 1090 : (2002) AIRSCW 2333 : (2002) 4 Supreme 91