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CBI director Praveen Sood likely to get 1 year extension

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Context

- Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Praveen Sood is all set to get a one year extension as the high-level **committee** to pick a new Director, **headed by Prime Minister** Narendra Modi, could not arrive at a consensus on the shortlisted names.
- The **committee, which has Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna and Leader of the Opposition (LoP)** in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi as members, met on Monday evening at the Prime Minister's Office.

Appointment of CBI Director

- The CBI director is appointed according to provisions under the **Delhi Special Police Establishment Act (1946)** and **amendments** therein brought by the **Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013**.
- The appointment is made by the Centre on **recommendation by a three-member Appointment Committee**.
- The appointment committee comprises the **Prime Minister as the chairperson, the leader of the opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India, or a Supreme Court judge nominated by him**.
- If there is no recognised LoP, then the leader of the single largest party is included in the committee.
- The Central Vigilance Commission Act 2003 fixed the **tenure of the CBI director at 2 years**.

Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI):

- It is the **premier investigative agency of India**.
- The agency was **established in 1963** by the Indian government as a result of the recommendation of the **Santhanam Committee**.
- It derives its power to investigate from the **Delhi Special Police Establishment Act 1946**.
- Control:

1 It operates under the jurisdiction of the **Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions**.

2 For investigation of offences under the **Prevention of Corruption Act**, the CBI vests **superintendence to the Central Vigilance Commission**.

- Functions

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1Initially, it was set up **to investigate corruption in government departments and public sector undertakings.**

2However, over the years, its jurisdiction has expanded to cover a wide range of cases, including **economic offences, cyber crimes, organized crimes, and special crimes.**