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## In rare case, govt moves to sack corrupt HC judge

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New Delhi: The Centre on Monday decided to move an impeachment motion against Calcutta high court judge Soumitra Sen following a recommendation from Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan seeking his dismissal for corrupt practices which had brought disrepute to the judiciary

The government was forced to respond swiftly after the CJI's recommendations were reported in the media on Monday. Law minister H R Bhardwaj said an impeachment motion would be placed before parliament, which is slated to meet on October 17. The impeachment will follow an inquiry to be set up by the presiding officers of the two Houses.

In a letter to the PM dated August 4, the CJI had said a committee of senior judges had found Justice Sen to have misappropriated around Rs 24 lakh in a 1990s case in which he had been appointed the receiver. Then a Calcutta HC lawyer, he had deposited the money in his accounts but had given a "false explanation" to the HC about the funds having been invested.



Soumitra Sen