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July 2017: 44 Gujarat Cong MLAs shifted to Bengaluru resort; DKS plays major role in guarding them

August 2017: Income tax sleuths raid DKS residences and properties in Karnataka and Delhi. Post raid, tax officials grill Shivakumar for hours

 February 2018: Economic Offences Court issues notice to DKS based on evidence found during raids

September 2018: ED registers money-laundering case on charges of tax evasion and hawala transactions

August 29, 2019: ED issues fresh summons to Shivakumar to appear for questioning

August 30: High Court rejects Shivakumar's plea for quashing the case. Shivakumar grilled for four days

September 3: Shivakumar arrested; ED says the Congress leader is not cooperating with the probe

After four days of grilling, ED arrests DKS

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Shivakumar will be presented before a court here on Wednesday where the ED will make a case for his custodial interrogation. Soon after placing him under arrest, ED officials took him to the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital for medical check-up.

The ED had last September registered a money laundering case against Shivakumar and others based on a charge sheet filed by the income tax department on charges of alleged tax evasion and hawala transactions worth crores.

The I-T department had also seized unaccounted for money worth around Rs 8.59 crore from Shiva-

Shivakumar was summoned by the ED for questioning on Friday last and was questioned for four days, barring Sunday.

"D K Shivakumar is innocent. There is not an iota of evidence against him," Randeep Singh Surjewala, in charge of the AICC communication department said after the arrest.

Youth Congress president Srinivas B V also condemned Shivakumar's arrest as a "sick and cowardly witch hunt to divert attention from the economic issues facing the country". The ED had issued summons to Shivakumar Thursday last asking him to appear before it on Friday for questioning in the money-laundering case.

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