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# CBI to quiz former Manipur CM in embezzlement case

Move comes days after Cong. staked claim to form govt.

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A Central Bureau of Investigation team (CBI) is in Manipur to question former Manipur Chief Minister O. Ibobi Singh and some officials in connection with the alleged embezzlement of ₹332 crore by the four former chairmen of the Manipur Development Society (MDS).

The CBI visit comes just days after Mr. Ibobi Singh, as head of the Congress legislature party, staked claim to form a new government in Manipur. "Mr. Ibobi Singh, who was the MDS chairman



O. Ibobi Singh

during the check period, has been asked to appear before the probe team on Wednesday," a CBI official said.

"The CBI wanted to record his statement at their Imphal office. We requested them to go for videoconfer-

encing or visit our residence in view of the COVID-19 scenario. They agreed to come to our house tomorrow [on Wednesday]. We are not running away anywhere," a member of Mr. Ibobi Singh's family said. The former Chief Minister could not be contacted.

In November last year, the agency had registered the case and searched multiple locations in Gurugram, Aizawl and Imphal, on the day when Manipur Congress legislators led by the former CM staged a protest in Delhi against the Naga Accord.