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Did you know that the former chief justice of India Y K Sabharwal, who nearly demolished half of Delhi during the sealing drive, had 3 commercial establishments running from his own home?

FORMER Chief Justice of India Y K Sabharwal, who nearly demolished half of Delhi to stop commercialisation of residential areas, had three commercial companies owned by his sons running from his official residence at 6, Moti Lal Nehru Place.



All the three firms, Sabs Exports, Sug Exports and Pawan Impex Private Ltd, jointly owned by the ex-CJ's sons Chetan and Nitin, were originally registered at the Sabharwals' family home at 3/81 Punjabi Bagh.



They were shifted to 6, Moti Lal Nehru Place during Sabharwal's stay there in January, 2004. After about 10 months, the offices of the companies were shifted back to the Punjabi Bagh house. As per Form 18 filed by Pawan Impex under the Companies Act on January 30, 2002, a copy of which is available with MiD DAY,

FORM No. 18
THE COMPANIES ACT, 1956
 Notice of Situation/Change of Situation of Registered Office
 (Persuant) to Section 148)

14/11/04

Name of the Company PAWAN IMPEX PVT. LTD.

Notice is hereby given that:-

1. (a) The Registered Office of the Company is situated at ---
 with effect from --- (date).

(b) The situation of the Registered Office of the company was changed from
3/81 Punjabi Bagh New Delhi-26
 to 6 Moti Lal Nehru Place, New Delhi
 with effect from 06-01-2004 (date).

2. Situation of the Registered Office falls under the jurisdiction of Tuglak Road
Police Station, New Delhi

(Name of the Police Station)

For Pawan Impex Private Limited
 Signature [Signature] Director
 Name CHETAN SABHARWAL
 (in Block Letters)
 Designation Director

Dated the 6th day of Jan 2004

* State address of the nearest Police Station with District & Tehsil.

Approved by Ministry, Wipro-II, Sl. No. 7, G.P. Hansi, Haryana, L.I. O. I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002 Ph. (3) 241

The original registered office of the company was at Sabharwal's Punjabi Bagh home. Two years later, on January 6, 2004, the registered office of the firm was changed to 6, Moti Lal Nehru Place. This was the official residence of Sabharwal as the then Supreme Court judge.

Finally, on October 23, 2004 the company's registered office was once again shifted back to 3/81 Punjabi Bagh.

Similarly, the registered office of Sug Exports, also owned by Chetan and Nitin, was shifted from 3/81 Punjabi Bagh residence to the ex CJI's official residence at 6, Moti Lal Nehru Place on January 6, 2004. As in the case of Pawan Impex, after about 11 months, Sug Exports was shifted back to the Punjabi Bagh house.

Asked for his reaction yesterday evening, the former CJI said the companies were registered at the residence only for postal purposes. He said he was not aware that the addresses of the companies were shifted to his official residence when he was a judge of the SC.

"I don't know whether it was ever shifted (from Punjabi Bagh to Motilal Nehru Place) or not. Who told you it was shifted? I don't think it was shifted.

When was it shifted? Give me the dates," Sabharwal said. "I cannot help it if nobody understands the legal point.

The postal address is not barred anywhere. Letters come. Registered office (of the three companies) is for postal purposes," he added.

When questioned if the shifting of the registered office to Motilal Nehru Place was legal, Justice Sabharwal hung up.

When contacted, MCD spokesperson D C Mathur, said, "Any premises not falling under mixed land use or commercial activity roads as specified in the notification of MCD should be sealed."

Even as sealing and demolitions were carried out in Sabharwal's own backyard of Punjabi Bagh, MCD inspectors on the prowl in the area chose to ignore the letter box with the names of all the three companies on it hanging outside the entrance to the 3/81 house.

The ground floor is currently under renovation to prepare the place for Sabharwal's return after his retirement. Currently, Sabharwal's elder brother, Jagmohan, lives in the house with his family. Jagmohan said, "It is a postal address.

It is for the purpose of receiving post that the registered office is there. No commercial activity takes place here."

Remember them, Justice Sabharwal?



The city burned and bled as angry protestors took to the streets of Delhi over the sealing drive, ordered by the SC

None can be permitted to place a dagger on the neck of the person and seek relief. None can be permitted to

hold the city, law and order and the law-abiding citizens to ransom and then ask for relief — *Supreme Court bench, headed by then chief justice of India*

Y K Sabharwal, on November 7, 2006



SC Speaks

Is this governance? It is their

(the government's) manner of

handling the is is causing harassment to the residents of Delhi. Every time you issue notification a day

before, you bring to nought the orders of this Court. This lip service should stop

— November 7, 2006

This Court cannot remain a mute spectator when the violations also affect the environment and healthy living of law-abiders

— February 16, 2006



