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CBI looks for banking, tax experts to help probe into multi-crore scams

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NEW DELHI: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which is probing the over Rs 13,000 crore Punjab National Bank scam as well as other financial frauds, has sought deputation of banking and tax experts from various ministries with an offer of good monetary incentives.

According to an official communique sent by the CBI to finance and other key ministries, the agency has asked for officers on deputation as advisor (banking), senior advisor (foreign trade or foreign exchange), deputy advisor (foreign trade or foreign exchange) and senior advisor (taxation) on deputation.

Those selected will initially be given short-term contract with the premier investigation agency, it said.

These posts are to provide technical assistance and expertise in probing cases involving banking, foreign trade and foreign exchange, taxation and to supervise the work of other technical officer working in the agency, the letter routed to various ministries said.

"It may be noted that the officers coming on deputation to CBI are entitled for a special security allowance at the rate of 20 per cent on the pay," it said.

The communique, however, said the candidates who apply for the post will not be allowed to withdraw their candidature subsequently.

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Among the prominent ones is the over Rs 13,000-crore fraud in the [PNB](#) allegedly committed by jeweller Nirav Modi and his uncle Mehul Choksi, the promoter of [Gitanjali Gems](#).

The CBI had some time back also booked top officials of two public sector banks, a former CMD of the [IDBI Bank](#), former Aircel promoter C Sivasankaran, his son and companies controlled by him in connection with a Rs 600-crore loan fraud in the IDBI.

The CBI had on Friday arrested two senior retired officers of the [Bank of India](#) in connection with alleged loan fraud of Rs 2,654 crore by Vadodara-based Diamond Power Infrastructure Ltd. (DPIL) in the bank.

Some former top RBI officials are also under the scanner of the CBI for alleged financial frauds.

The induction of financial expert in the agency will help in expediting probe in financial crime cases, they said.

During 2017, the CBI had registered 939 regular cases and 137 preliminary enquiries. As many as 9,383 cases were pending in various courts at the end of the year.

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