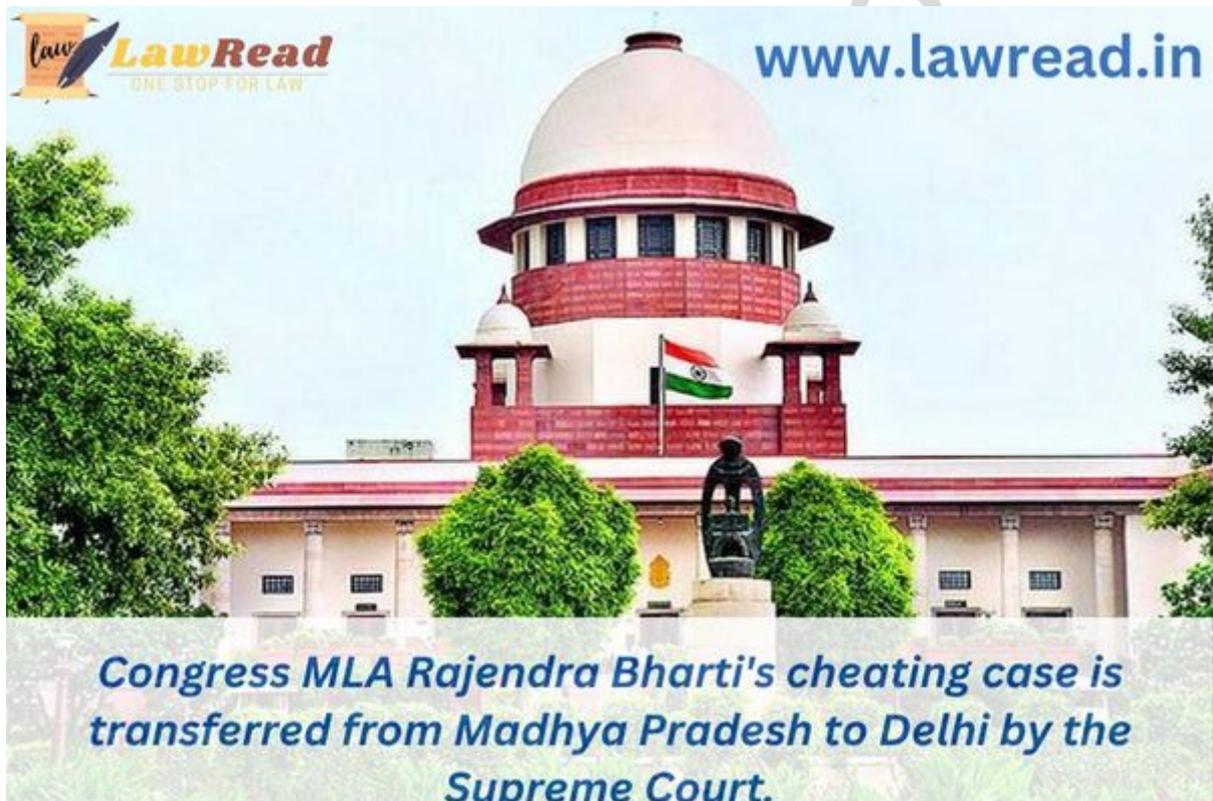


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Congress MLA Rajendra Bharti's cheating case is transferred from Madhya Pradesh to Delhi by the Supreme Court.



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On Tuesday, the Supreme Court ordered that Rajendra Bharti, a Congress politician and MLA, be moved from Madhya Pradesh to Delhi in the cheating case against him [**Rajendra Bharti v. State of Madhya Pradesh**].

Additionally, a bench made up of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta ordered the transferee court to wrap up the procedures in six months.

"The petition is accepted. Move it to Delhi. The transferee court must complete the trial within six months, the court ordered.

Following Bharti's court case alleging intimidation of defense witnesses, the order was issued.

A senior leader of the Indian National Congress and three-time Madhya Pradesh MLA from the Datia constituency, Rajendra Bharti, is on trial for alleged cheating.

Bharti requested that the matter be sent to the Supreme Court. He asserted that political meddling and local conditions could prevent a fair trial.

An earlier Bench consisting of Justices Abhay S. Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan had stopped the trial proceedings in February 2025, stating that the accused must be given a complete and effective opportunity to defend himself in order to have a fair trial.

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, speaking on behalf of Bharti, told the Court during Tuesday's hearing that the criminal proceedings were politically driven and intended only to obtain a conviction in order to exclude the MLA from the Assembly. He maintained that there was an obvious attempt to sway the trial's verdict.

"He won the election, which is why the entire issue has emerged. In order for him to forfeit his membership, they want him to be convicted for three years. That's all. "That is the entire game," he said.

The State's Additional Solicitor General, SV Raju, argued against the motion, claiming that there was no reason to move the trial.

According to Raju, the State had previously provided all the safeguards required to guarantee equity and adherence to the Court's orders.

"The move is not necessary. He contended, "We have provided the best protection this

Court requires."

The Court stated orally after reviewing the opposing arguments that the witnesses seemed to have been threatened on the surface. It further stated that justice must be done in a way that is both visible and effective.

As a result, the Bench mandated that the trial be moved from Madhya Pradesh to Delhi.

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