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## CBI grills former Maha home minister

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**F**ormer Maharashtra home minister and senior NCP leader Anil Deshmukh on Wednesday was grilled by the CBI in connection with the corruption charges levelled by senior IPS officer Param Bir Singh, an ex-Mumbai Police commissioner.

Singh, currently the commandant general of Home Guards, has alleged that Deshmukh had fixed Rs 100 crore per month as a collection target for assistant police inspector Sachin Vaze.

Deshmukh (70) was questioned at the DRDO and IAF guest house at Kalina in Mumbai for close to eight hours.

After hearing a bunch of petitions, a bench of the Bombay High Court comprising chief justice Dipankar Datta and jus-



Former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh leaves the DRDO office after he was interrogated by officers of the CBI, in Mumbai on Wednesday. PTI

tice Girish Kulkarni on April 5 has asked the CBI to carry out a Preliminary Enquiry (PE) and submit a report in a fortnight's time.

However, the Maharashtra government and Deshmukh had moved the Supreme Court against the order, but the apex court okayed the CBI probe.

Over the past week, the CBI has started recording statements.

