Registrar of Companies looking into financial irregularities of OnMobile: M V Moily

The Corporate Affairs Ministry today said it has asked the Registrar of Companies (RoC) to look into the alleged financial irregularities of the mobile value-added services company OnMobile.

"We are making some discreet inquiry. I don't know whether any fraud (financial) has been committed. But we have asked their ROC (Registrars of Company) to send us a report," Moily said.

He was speaking on the sidelines of National Award for Excellence in Cost Management organised by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India here today.

Moily had earlier said the Corporate Affairs Ministry would certainly intervene if any financial irregularity was involved in OnMobile.

OnMobile's Managing Director and CEO Arvind Rao had resigned from his post last week amidst allegations of financial irregularities.

In a special review by its legal advisers and auditing firm KPMG, the company had said some weaknesses had took place during the tenure of Rao.

Currently, its co-founder and Executive Director Mouli Raman has been given interim charge of MD as the company has begun the process to search for a new CEO.

Replying to questions on the progress in Reebok fraud case, Moily said it was being probed by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office(SFIO), the investigating arm of the Corporate Affairs Ministry.

He said the Ministry has given four months time to SFIO to submit its report of which three months are already over.

Reebok India had lodged an FIR in a Gurgaon police station in May this year, alleging involvement of its former MD Subhinder Singh Prem and CEO Vishnu Bhagat in the Rs 870-crore accounting fraud case.

Besides SFIO, the Reebok case is also being probed by the Economic Offences Wing of the Gurgaon police.

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