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**Case study. Vinod is an honest and sincere IAS officer. Recently, he has taken over as Managing Director of the State Road Transport Corporation, his sixth transfer in the past three years. His peers acknowledge his vast knowledge, affability and uprightness. The Chairman of the State Road Transport Corporation is a powerful politician and is very close to the Chief Minister. Vinod comes to know about many alleged irregularities of the Corporation and the high-handedness of the Chairman in financial matters. A Board Member of the Corporation belonging to the Opposition Party meets Vinod and hands over a few documents along with a video recording in which the Chairman appears to be demanding bribe for placing a huge order for the supply of QMR tyres. Vinod recollects the Chairman expediting clearing of pending bills of QMR tyres. Vinod confronts the Board Member as to why he is shying away from exposing the Chairman with the so-called solid proof he has with him. The member informs him that the Chairman refuses to yield to his threats. He adds that Vinod may earn recognition and public support if he himself exposes the Chairman. Further, he tells Vinod that once his party comes to power, Vinod's professional growth would be assured. Vinod is aware that he may be penalized if he exposes the Chairman and further be transferred to a distant place. He knows that the Opposition. Party stands a better chance of coming to power in the forthcoming elections. However, he also realizes that the Board Member is trying to use him for his own political gains.**

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**Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988**

The principal statute on bribery and related offences by public servants; procurement kickbacks are its core field.

**All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968**

Require integrity, political neutrality and that an AIS officer not become a party instrument while in service.

**QMR in procurement**

Quality, material and rate (or related specification-and-price terms) in a tyre contract; cheating any of the three can be fraud and a safety failure.

**State Road Transport Corporation**

A public utility whose board often includes political nominees; the Managing Director remains a public servant with a fiduciary duty to the corporation.

**Vigilance channel**

The competent anti-corruption machinery of the State, which is the lawful first door for a bribe video, not a party office.

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