Bullet piece may give clue to Anand's death

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The Crime Branch of the Delhi Police were today busy, with the help of ballistic experts, finding out the calibre of the bullet a bit of which had been extricated from Col T. S. Anand's skull. The experts used a metal detector to get at the bullet piece.

The DIG Range, Mr G. S. Mander, said that investigations were on to find whether Col Anand had a weapon of his own. If so, where was it?

He declined to elaborate on the slip of paper found in the deceased's kurta pocket. "It is of crucial importance," Mr Mander said, "and its disclosure is not in the interest of investigation." He described the course of investigation as "very satisfactory".

The Crime Branch team has been joined by experts from the CBI and the Central Forensic Science Laboratory in its investigations.

Col Anand, father-in-law of Mr Sanjay Gandhi, was found dead in his farm on Saturday evening.

A major headway made by the detectives today was the tracing of the spraying team supervisors, Rajrup and Rajinder who were first reported to have found the body. Police sources said that both were supervisors in the National Malaria Eradication Programme.

Efforts are being made to map out a minute-by-minute account of the movements of Col Anand before he was found dead. He was reported to have arrived in the village of Punjab Khor by the first bus service on June 2. about 8 a.m. A family member discounted reports in a section of the press that the colonel had left his house on the evening of June 1 and had walked all night to cover the 60 kilometres from his house in Defence Colony to his farm.

Investigations, according to police sources, have revealed that the colonel was alive "at least till the afternoon of June 2". When the attention of a senior police officer was drawn to the postmortem examination report which placed the time of death at about eight in the evening, he said an allowance of about four hours could be made.

The police admitted that the news of a body lying in a farm on the outskirts of Punjab Khor had spread around 2.30 p.m. on Saturday. It is said that the body was found earlier by a farm hand than claimed by the police.

Sources said that when a spraying team was returning after spraying

The spraying team, according to the police, returned to Punjab Khor village and told their visiting zonal medical officer that they would not be able to undertake further spraying in the area because a body was lying in a nearby village.

According to the police neither the spraying team nor the medical officer made efforts to inform the police about the body. An officer associated with the investigation said that some "urchins" who overheard reports about the body spread word in the village. This is how the news reached the colonel's servants, Umed and Pyare Lal, and his driver, Gurdev Singh, who had arrived in the village looking for his master.

The three rushed towards the field. Till then, the police said, it was not known that the body was that of Col Anand.

About 5 p.m. the driver decided to inform the family about the re-

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN hat by an order, dated the 30th Iay, 1977, the Court has directed meeting to be held of share-olders of the said company for he purpose of considering, and if nought fit, approving with or with-ut modification, a scheme propos-g amalgamation of Pure Gases rivate Limited with the said Com-any.

IN PURSUANCE of the said rder and as directed therein, fur-her notice is hereby given that a neeting of members of the said ompany will be held at the Regis-ered Office of the Company at Jukand Lal Road, Civil Lines, Lud-iana on Monday the eleventh day f July 1977 at 11 O'Clock in the orenoon at which time and place he said members are requested to ttend.

Copies of the said Scheme and the statement under section 393 an be had free of charge at the egistered office of the Company or the Office of its Advocate Shri . S. Dang at 5. Scindia House First Floor), New Delhi.

Persons entitled to attend and ote at the meeting may vote in erson or by proxy, provided that proxies in the prescribed form e deposited at the registered office

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covery of the body. He went to the bus stop and was waiting for the bus when he saw the colonel's wife, his elder brother, Mr S.S. Anand, and another couple coming in a car. Gurdev told them about the tragedy and accompanied them back to the village. By now it was about 6.30 p.m.

About 7.30 p.m. the station house officer of the Nangloi police station, over 10 kilometres away, entered in the register, on the basis of an anonymous telephone call, the case of a missing body being found.

About the same time Mr Sanjay Gandhi phoned the Inspector-General of Police, Mr Bhawani Mal, informing him about he discovery of his father-in-law's body in a field adioining his farm.

The entire police force was then mobilised. Soon the IGP, accompanied by his deputy and the superintendent of the central district, were in Punjab Khor. By now it was well past 8.30 p.m.

The police officers are baffled why the first report about the discovery of the body took five hours to reach the police. According to one source, a senior police officer tipped off a news agency about the discovery of Col Anand's body.

A caller, who described himself as Col Anand's son-in-law, phoned Indian Express shortly after 9.30 p.m. on June 4 and said that Col Anand "has been murdered on his farm." When the reporter on duty asked whether the matter had been reported to the police, he said: "You can check with Nangloi police station."

Crime branch sources said that they had adopted a "multi-pronged" approach. All possibilities of "attempted suicide" or "murder" were being probed. An optimistic DIG (Range) said that a breakthrough would come "in a day or two".

The police declined to comment on the reported feuds in the family over property. "But wherever it is relevant to the investigation, we will interrogate all those connected with him?" Mr Mander said.

Mr Bhawani Mal said that the police was sparing no efforts. Senior officers denied press reports that the police had received any threatening letter from the five undertrials who escaped from the Tis Hazari lock-up recently.

The DIG (Range) refused to confirm or deny whether there was any mention of Mr. Sanjay Gandhi on the slip of paper found on Col Anand's person. According to reliable source a line in the note said: "Sanjay's problem are bothering me."