



**Press Release  
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**ED files 5th Supplementary Prosecution Complaint in Jharkhand Rural Works Department  
Money Laundering Case; 14 Engineers Arrayed as New Accused**

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Ranchi Zonal Office, filed a **5th Supplementary Prosecution Complaint** on **17/03/2026** before the Hon'ble Special Court for PMLA Cases, Ranchi under Sections 44 and 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA). The complaint arrays **14 departmental engineers and officials** of the Rural Works Department (RWD), Rural Development Special Zone (RDSZ), and Jharkhand State Rural Road Development Authority (JSRRDA), Government of Jharkhand, as fresh accused (Accused Nos. 23–36), taking the total number of accused across all Prosecution Complaints in this case to **36**.

The case originates from FIR No. 13/2019 registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Jamshedpur, under Section 7(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 2018.

ED investigation established that a **systematic commission/bribery racket** was operating within the RWD/RDSZ/JSRRDA, whereby a fixed commission of **3% of the total tender value** was collected from contractors in lieu of tender allotments. The commission was distributed hierarchically: **1.35%** to the then Minister Alamgir Alam (through his Personal Secretary Sanjeev Kumar Lal); **0.65–1%** to the Departmental Secretary; and the balance to the Chief Engineers and their subordinate engineers. Against total tender allotments of approximately **Rs. 3,048 Crore**, the total **Proceeds of Crime (PoC) exceed Rs. 90 Crore**.

The 14 persons newly arrayed as accused include Chief Engineers (Retd.) **Singrai Tuti, Rajeev Lochan, Surendra Kumar, and Pramod Kumar**; Executive Engineers **Santosh Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Ajay Tirkey, Raj Kumar Toppo, Ashok Kumar Gupta, Siddhant Kumar, and Anil Kumar (Retd.)**; and Assistant Engineers **Ram Pukar Ram and Ramesh Ojha (both Retd.)**, as well as former Superintending Engineer / Engineer-in-Chief **Umesh Kumar (Retd.)**. Investigation established their active participation in collection, aggregation, and delivery of illegal commission amounts constituting Proceeds of Crime under Section 2(1)(u) of the PMLA.

So far in this case, the ED has conducted **52 searches** under Section 17 of the PMLA across Jharkhand, Delhi, and Bihar; arrested **9 persons** (former Minister Alamgir Alam, his Personal Secretary Sanjeev Kumar Lal, and associate Jahangir Alam remain in judicial custody); issued **3 Provisional Attachment Orders (PAOs)** attaching properties valued at approximately **Rs. 44 Crore** (all confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority); and seized **cash of approximately Rs. 38 Crore** (including Rs. 32.20 Crore from premises linked to Sanjeev Kumar Lal and Rs. 2.93 Crore from Munna Singh) along with **8 luxury vehicles**. Earlier in this case, ED had filed one main PC and 4 Supplementary PCs before the Hon'ble Court and cognisance of the same have been taken.