



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Raipur Zonal Office, has issued three Provisional Attachment Orders (PAOs) on 28.05.2026 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, provisionally attaching properties with a deed value of Rs 200 Crore and combined market value of over **Rs. 1000 Crore** in connection with the Chhattisgarh Liquor Scam.

The ED's investigation, based on an FIR registered by EOW/ACB, Raipur, revealed that a liquor syndicate led by Anwar Dhebar and Anil Tuteja (Retd. IAS) — in connivance with senior State officials, distillery owners, and private entities — systematically manipulated the Chhattisgarh excise machinery between 2019 and 2023 to generate Proceeds of Crime exceeding Rs. 2,883 Crore through artificial inflation of liquor procurement rates, clandestine manufacture of unaccounted liquor, and extraction of commissions through FL-10A licences granted to favoured entities.

The first PAO attaches immovable properties in connection with **Vikas Agrawal** and **Anwar Dhebar**. Vikas Agrawal functioned as the ground-level financial manager of the syndicate, collecting commissions from distilleries and FL-10A licensees and routing funds directly to Anwar Dhebar. Properties standing in the names of Shri Vikas Agrawal's family members are attached as value equivalent to his Proceeds of Crime. Further, benami properties of Anwar Dhebar — comprising multiple plots in Dhebar City Homes, Raipur (held through M/s A. Dhebar Buildcon, a firm under his beneficial control) and five land parcels in Raipur (held through shell entities M/s Shining Star Buildcon, M/s Moonlight Real Estate, M/s Swarn Infrabuild, and M/s Jai Gurudev Infrastructure) — are also attached as direct Proceeds of Crime laundered through the liquor scam. The total attachment under this PAO is approximately Rs. 30 Crore.

The second PAO attaches **Hotel Westinn Goa** (Village Anjuna, North Goa), a premium hotel property standing in the name of M/s Pacifica Hotels India Private Limited, whose directors include Rahul Agrawal and Vijay Kumar Agrawal. Investigation established that the hotel was acquired entirely out of Proceeds of Crime for a total consideration of approximately Rs. 110 Crore, which was paid in unaccounted cash sourced from the liquor scam and physically transported at the instance of Chaitanya Baghel.

