



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Ranchi Zonal Office, has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) on **26.03.2026** under Section 45 read with Section 44 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, before the Hon'ble Special Judge, CBI-cum-Special Judge under PMLA, Ranchi, against four accused persons — **Sanjeev Kumar Singh** (Assistant Security Sub-Inspector, Central Coalfields Limited), **Smt. Poonam Devi** (his wife), **Gopal Kumar** (his younger brother), and **Rahul Kumar** (a private coal transporter) — for commission of the offence of money laundering under the PMLA, 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB), Ranchi, and the subsequent Chargesheet dated 09.12.2025 filed against the accused persons, for commission of offences of criminal conspiracy, bribery, and criminal misconduct under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018). The predicate offence pertains to Sanjeev Kumar Singh, who was posted as Assistant Security Sub-Inspector at the Bhurkunda Training Institute, Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), and served as the Area Security In-charge of Barka Sayal Area, abusing his official position to obtain illegal monetary benefits from private individuals engaged in coal transportation from collieries under the jurisdiction of CCL, Barka Sayal Area.

ED investigation established that Sanjeev Kumar Singh received illegal gratification of **Rs. 5 Lakh (approx.)** from Shri Rahul Kumar — a coal transporter owning heavy goods vehicles deployed for coal transportation from CCL collieries — directly into the Axis Bank account of his wife, Smt. Poonam Devi, as consideration for extending undue favours in matters relating to coal transportation within his area of supervision. Additionally, unexplained cash deposits of Rs. 4.46 Lakh (approx.) were found in Smt. Poonam Devi's account, the source of which could not be satisfactorily explained. Smt. Poonam Devi knowingly permitted her bank account to be used as the primary repository of the Proceeds of Crime and thereafter transferred Rs. 4 Lakh of the tainted funds to the account of Gopal Kumar (younger brother of Sanjeev Kumar Singh), who rapidly dissipated the entire amount within seven days of receipt through cash withdrawals, transfers to associates, and payment of a vehicle loan EMI, thereby integrating the Proceeds of Crime into personal financial liabilities.



In the course of investigation, the ED provisionally attached funds worth **Rs. 9.46 Lakh (approx.)** lying in the personal bank accounts of the accused persons under Section 5 of the PMLA, 2002, representing the equivalent value of the identified Proceeds of Crime (value thereof). The attached properties comprise funds lying in the SBI Savings Bank Account of Sanjeev Kumar Singh (Rs. 58 Thousands approx.) and the SBI account of Shri Gopal Kumar (Rs. 8.88 Lakh approx.).

The matter is pending trial before the Hon'ble Special Court.

Further investigation is under progress.