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ED files Prosecution Complaint against retired PWRD Executive Engineer and his wife in disproportionate assets case; properties worth Rs. 3.06 Crore already attached

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Guwahati Zonal Office-I, has filed a Prosecution Complaint on 21.11.2026 under Section 44(1)(b) read with Section 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Hon'ble Court of the Ld. Special Judge, Additional CBI Court No. 3, Assam, Guwahati (Special Court under PMLA) against Md. Chamed Ali, retired Executive Engineer, Public Works (Roads) Department (PWRD), Government of Assam, and his wife Smt. Parbeen Sultana, for the commission of the offence of money laundering as defined under Section 3 and punishable under Section 4 of the PMLA.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of FIR registered by the Vigilance Police Station, Chief Minister's Special Vigilance Cell (CMSVC), Assam, Guwahati against Md. Chamed Ali under Sections 13(1)(b) and 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, alleging that he took money from contractors for release of payment of their bills and, by abusing his official position, acquired assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. On completion of investigation, CMSVC filed Charge Sheet No. 04/2024 dated 06.03.2024 before the Ld. Special Judge, Assam, Guwahati.

Md. Chamed Ali joined the Public Works Department, Government of Assam as Assistant Engineer in 1990, served in road divisions at Ulukunchi, Silchar, Karimganj, Badarpur, Patharkandi and Ratabari, and retired as Executive Engineer on 28.02.2021. PMLA investigation revealed that during the check period from 01.01.2000 to 28.02.2021, he and his family had income of only Rs. 2.01 Crore (approx.) from known sources, but spent and invested Rs. 5.09 Crore (approx.), including construction of a building, purchase of land and a flat, and investments. This resulted in disproportionate assets of Rs. 3.08 Crore (approx.), i.e. 152.96% of known income, which constitute Proceeds of Crime under Section 2(1)(u) of the PMLA.

Investigation has revealed that Md. Chamed Ali took money from contractors with whom he had official dealings and routed it through the bank accounts of his relatives. He also deposited unaccounted cash in his own bank accounts and in those of his wife and children. He used these proceeds to construct a three-storeyed building at Lalmati Road, Guwahati, to purchase land and a flat in the name of his wife, and to invest in LIC policies and mutual funds. He also purchased a plot of land at Juripar, Hengrabari, Guwahati in the name of a relative, while he himself controlled it and kept the rent from it. Even after retirement, he bought three flats in Guwahati in the names of himself, his wife and his daughter.

Further investigation has revealed that Smt. Parbeen Sultana actively assisted her husband in laundering the proceeds of crime. Her bank accounts received large sums from PWRD contractors, which she used to purchase land in her own name. She also deposited cash in her accounts without any lawful source. She described the money received from contractors as “gifts” but could not support this claim with any document. Most of the properties acquired out of the proceeds of crime are registered in her name.

Earlier, ED had provisionally attached properties worth Rs. 3.06 Crore (approx.) under the provisions of PMLA vide Provisional Attachment Order dated 04.02.2026. The attached properties comprise five immovable properties in Guwahati (a three-storeyed building, a flat and three plots of land) and nine LIC policies. The attachment has since been confirmed by the Ld. Adjudicating Authority (PMLA), New Delhi.

Further investigation is under progress.