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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Ranchi Zonal Office, has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Ranchi, against **Santosh Kumar** (Accused No. 1), his wife **Lalita Sinha** (Accused No. 2), and his shell company **M/s Rockdrill Constructions (OPC) Private Limited** (Accused No. 3) u/s 44 and 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, following an investigation into the fraudulent embezzlement of government funds from the Drinking Water and Sanitation Department (DWSD), Swarnarekha Head Works Division, Ranchi. Also, assets worth Rs. 6.26 Crore (approx.) was prayed for confiscation under PMLA, 2002 in the said Prosecution Complaint.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR and subsequent charge-sheet filed by the Jharkhand Police, which revealed that Santosh Kumar, while serving as a Cashier-cum-Upper Division Clerk, abused his official position to siphoned off a total of Rs. 22.86 Crore (approx.) from the Government Treasury. While initial police reports estimated the fraud at a lower amount, the ED's PMLA investigation unmasked the true magnitude of the defalcation, establishing that the funds were diverted using fraudulent payee IDs and the manipulation of dormant DDO codes.

Investigation revealed that the layered proceeds were integrated into the legitimate economy through the acquisition of various high-value assets. This included the purchase of a 6.81-decimal plot of land in Ratu, Ranchi, registered in the name of his sister, Mamta Sinha, and the booking of a Toyota Innova Crysta vehicle in his wife's name. Furthermore, the accused invested heavily in jewelry worth over Rs. 1.78 Crore, more than 25 Mutual Fund schemes, and multiple Fixed Deposits.

During the course of the investigation, the ED conducted searches across 26 premises, leading to the seizure of Rs. 55.08 Lakh in unaccounted cash and incriminating ledgers documenting systemic corruption within the department. The ED has already provisionally attached properties worth Rs. 2.18 Crore (approx.), which have been confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority (PMLA).

Further investigation is under progress.