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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bhopal Zonal Office, has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) against Jagdish Prasad Sarwate, former Deputy Director, Adim Jati Kalyan Vibhag (Tribal Welfare Department), Government of Madhya Pradesh, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Jabalpur on 18.03.2026. On being called, Jagdish Sarwate appeared before Hon'ble Court and received copy of Prosecution Complaint and Relied upon documents.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR No. 111/2025 registered by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Jabalpur under Sections 13(1)(b) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended). The FIR pertains to allegations that Jagdish Prasad Sarwate, while serving as a public servant, acquired assets disproportionate to his known sources of income during the check period from 01.01.2015 to 20.06.2025.

During the course of investigation under PMLA, it was revealed that the accused had generated Proceeds of Crime through corrupt practices and subsequently laundered the same by introducing illicit cash into the banking system and investing it in acquisition of multiple immovable properties and commercial establishments located in Bhopal, Mandla, Umaria and Seoni districts.

ED has identified total Proceeds of Crime amounting to Rs. 11.81Crore (approx.), representing the value of assets in which the illicit funds were invested and integrated. Accordingly, immovable properties of equivalent value were provisionally attached in Feb 2026.

The ED investigation has established that Jagdish Prasad Sarwate knowingly acquired, possessed, concealed and used Proceeds of Crime and projected them as untainted property, thereby committing the offence of money laundering under Section 3 of PMLA, punishable under Section 4 of the Act.

Further investigation is under progress.