



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Raipur Zonal Office, has provisionally attached assets on 10/11/2025 worth **Rs 61.20 Crore** of Chaitanya Baghel under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with ongoing investigation into Chhattisgarh Liquor Scam. The assets so attached includes:

- Immovable properties in the form of 364 pieces of residential plots and agricultural lands worth Rs 59.96 Crore,
- Movable properties in the form of bank balances and fixed deposits worth Rs.1.24 Crore.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by ACB/EOW, Raipur, Chhattisgarh under various Sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in the Liquor scam in the State of Chhattisgarh. Police investigation has revealed that Chhattisgarh Liquor scam resulted in a massive loss to the State Exchequer and filled the pockets of the beneficiaries with more than Rs. 2500 Crore of Proceeds of Crime (POC) generated by the commission of scheduled offences.

Investigation conducted under PMLA has revealed that Chaitanya Baghel, son of Bhupesh Baghel, was positioned at the apex of the liquor syndicate. His position as the Chief Minister's son made him the controller and ultimate authority of the liquor syndicate. He was responsible for maintaining the "**hisab**" (accounts) of all illicit funds collected by the syndicate. All major decisions relating to collection, channelization, and distribution of such funds (POC) were taken under his directions.

ED investigation further established that he was a recipient of POC, which he layered through his real estate business and projected as untainted assets. Chaitanya Baghel utilized POC generated from the liquor scam for development of his real estate project "Vitthal Green" under his proprietorship concern, M/s Baghel Developers. Chaitanya Baghel was arrested by the ED on 18.07.2025 and is presently in judicial custody.

Earlier, in this case Anil Tuteja (Ex-IAS), Arvind Singh, Trilok Singh Dhillon, Anwar Dhebar, Arun Pati Tripathi (ITS) and Kawasi Lakhma (MLA and the then Excise Minister of Chhattisgarh) were arrested by ED.

It is pertinent to mention that the present attachment of **Rs. 61.20 Crore** is in continuation of earlier attachments of immovable properties valued at approximately Rs 215 Crore.

Further investigation is under progress.