



**Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Ranchi Zonal Office, has filed a Fourth Supplementary Prosecution Complaint before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Ranchi, against five newly arraigned accused persons, namely **Smt. Amita Jha** (Accused No. 9), **Siddharth Singhal** (Accused No. 10), **M/s Radheyshyam Fireworks LLP** (Accused No. 11), **Pawan Kumar Singh** (Accused No. 12), and **Smt. Kamlesh Singhal** (Accused No. 13), under Sections 44 and 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with the large-scale embezzlement of government funds from developmental schemes, including MNREGA, in Khunti district, Jharkhand. Through the said complaint, confiscation of the 17 decimal land situated at Mouza Boriya, Ranchi, acquired through Proceeds of Crime amounting to Rs. 1.33 Crore, has been specifically prayed for before the Hon'ble Special Court.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of sixteen FIRs registered by the Jharkhand Police and the Vigilance Bureau against serving government officials, including **Ram Binod Prasad Sinha**, the then Junior Engineer. Investigation revealed that approximately Rs. 24 Crore was released for the execution of various developmental works in Khunti district during 2009–2011, of which Rs. 18.06 Crore was defalcated through fictitious and grossly sub-standard execution of works. Investigation further established that **Smt. Pooja Singhal IAS**, the then Deputy Commissioner, Khunti, was the principal beneficiary of this criminal conspiracy, systematically extracting cash commissions equivalent to 5% of disbursed project funds in lieu of sanctioning projects and actively shielding the errant officials from departmental action. The said proceeds of crime were subsequently re-invested through an elaborate network of benami entities, family proxies, and corporate structures. In earlier phases of investigation, prosecution complaints were filed against eight accused persons, including Pooja Singhal, her husband **Abhishek Jha**, the chartered accountant and financial manager **Suman Kumar**, and **M/s Pulse Sanjeevani Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.**



Investigation has now revealed that the five newly arraigned accused actively facilitated the layering and integration of these Proceeds of Crime. **Smt. Amita Jha** (62 years, mother of co-accused Abhishek Jha) permitted the routing of Proceeds of Crime, including Rs. 20.70 Lakh in unaccounted cash deposits, through her bank accounts, which were subsequently introduced as share capital into M/s Pulse Sanjeevani Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. She also acquired a prime corner plot of 1.65 decimal within the premises of Pulse Superspeciality Hospital, Bariatu Road, Ranchi, funded directly from Proceeds of Crime. **Siddharth Singhal** (43 years, brother of Pooja Singhal) introduced unaccounted cash as share capital into M/s Pulse Sanjeevani Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. Digital forensic analysis of his mobile phone, seized during search operations, revealed WhatsApp communications between him and co-accused CA Suman Kumar establishing that M/s Radheyshyam Fireworks LLP was incorporated and the 17 decimal Boriya land was acquired at the express instance of and for the benefit of Pooja Singhal. **Pawan Kumar Singh** (45 years, brother of co-accused CA Suman Kumar) and **Smt. Kamlesh Singhal** (75 years, mother of Pooja Singhal) were installed as Designated Partners of **M/s Radheyshyam Fireworks LLP**, acting as benami fronts to conceal the beneficial ownership of Pooja Singhal over the said LLP and its assets. Through the said LLP, cash amounting to Rs. 1.33 Crore constituting Proceeds of Crime was paid for the acquisition of 17 decimal land at Mouza Boriya, Ranchi, thereby completing the integration of the tainted funds into immovable property.

During the course of investigation, search operations were conducted across 24 premises of Pooja Singhal and her associates on 06.05.2022, leading to the recovery and seizure of Rs. 17.49 Crore (approx.) in unaccounted cash from the residential premises of co-accused CA Suman Kumar at Ranchi, and Rs. 1.82 Crore from the premises of an associate, taking the total cash seizure in the case to Rs. 19.31 Crore (approx.). In addition, incriminating documents, financial records, bank statements, share certificates, corporate records, and digital devices containing critical evidence were seized. The ED has provisionally attached properties of the accused persons across four Provisional Attachment Orders, which have been confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority (PMLA).

Further investigation is under progress.