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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Guwahati Zonal Office has conducted search operations under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the case of fraudulent award of contracts worth Rs 118 Crore during the years 2013 to 2016 by Assam Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board (ABOCWWB), to M/s Purbashree Printing House [a proprietorship concern of Priyanshu Boiragi]. It is case where involving misappropriation of money collected as cess for the welfare of construction workers. During searches various incriminating documents and material were seized. In this case, ED has also attached Proceeds of Crime totaling to Rs.34.03 Crore in the form of Balances in Bank Accounts and Fixed Deposits.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Chief Minister's Special Vigilance Cell P.S., Assam and charge-sheets filed by police under sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against Chohan Doley, IAS, the then Labour Commissioner cum Member Secretary of ABOCWWB; Priyanshu Boiragi, Prop. of M/s Purbashree Printing House, Gautam Baruwa, the then Chairman, ABOCWWB and Nagendra Nath Choudhury the then Administrative Officer, ABOCWWB, who managed to get unreasonably high value printing contracts from ABOCWWB with the help of the forged and fraudulent tendering process.

ED investigation revealed that Priyanshu Boiragi had invested the Proceeds of Crime (POC) of Rs. 118 Crore, generated out of government funds, into FDRs in his name and routed the balance POC to various other bank accounts connected to him and to various shell entities, thus creating a maze of transactions to avoid detection of POC.

Further investigation is under progress.