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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Delhi Zonal Office has filed a Supplementary Prosecution Complaint (PC) on 06-08-2024 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 against Lalu Prasad Yadav [former Railway Minister], Tejashwi Yadav [son of Lalu Prasad Yadav] and others before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), New Delhi in the Land for Job Scam. The persons who sold land to the family members of the Lalu Prasad Yadav for nominal amounts in return for jobs to their relatives as Group D substitutes in Indian Railways are also made accused in the Supplementary PC. The Hon'ble Special Court has taken cognizance of the PC on 18.09.2024 and issued notices to the accused persons to be present on 07.10.2024 for further trial.

ED initiated investigations on the basis of FIR registered by CBI related to Land for Job Scam alleging that Lalu Prasad Yadav, the then Railway Minister, indulged in corruption for appointment of Group D substitutes in Indian Railways during the period 2004-2009. The candidates were told to transfer land as bribe in return for jobs in Indian Railways as per FIR. The CBI has filed 5 charge sheets till date.

ED had earlier filed Prosecution Complaint on 08-01-2024 against Amit Katyal [close confident and associate of Lalu Prasad Yadav], Rabri Devi, Misha Bharti, Hema Yadav [family members of Lalu Prasad Yadav] and others who had received land parcel(s) from family of candidates [who were selected as Group D substitutes in Indian Railways] for nominal amounts. Cognizance of the PC was taken on 27-01-2024.

Earlier, ED had conducted search operations on 10-03-2023 which resulted in seizure of cash of Rs. 1 Crore (approx.) and valuables equivalent to about Rs. 1.25 Crore. ED has also provisionally attached immovable properties worth Rs. 6.02 Crore on 29-07-2023. ED had arrested Amit Katyal on 11-11-2023 for knowingly assisting Lalu Prasad Yadav and his family in money laundering.

Further investigation is under progress.