



**Press Release**  
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Raipur Zonal Office has provisionally attached over 100 movable and immovable properties, including bank balances, vehicles, cash, jewelry and land, cumulatively valued at Rs. 49.73 Crore on 30/01/2025 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. These assets belong to **Suryakant Tiwari and others** involved in a case related to an **illegal coal levy scam**.

ED investigation revealed that a group of private individuals, in collusion with senior state politicians and bureaucrats, engaged in extortion from coal transporters. They charged Rs. 25 per tonne of coal transported between July 2020 and June 2022. During this period, the total Proceeds of Crime (POC) amounted to Rs. 540 Crore (approx.), which was extorted from coal transporters in Chhattisgarh. The illegal funds were used to bribe government officials and politicians, with part of the POC also spent on elections. The remaining funds were utilized for the acquisition of various movable and immovable properties. It is worth mentioning that numerous movable and immovable properties worth approx. Rs. 55.37 Crore have been attached by ED, belonging to Smt. Ranu Sahu, IAS, Sameer Bishnoi, IAS, Smt. Saumya Chaurasia, the then OSD to the then Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Jai Prakash Maurya, IAS, and Ram Gopal Agrawal, Ram Pratap Singh, Vinod Tiwari, Chandra Dev Prasad Rai, Devendra Singh Yadav, all politically exposed persons.

As part of the ongoing investigation, ED has arrested 11 individuals and filed three Prosecution Complaints against 26 accused persons before the Special Court (PMLA), which has taken cognizance of the complaints filed. Further, properties worth Rs. 270 Crore belonging to the accused individuals have already been attached till date.

Further investigation is under progress.