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The Hon'ble Special PMLA Court, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, vide its order dated 20.08.2025, convicted the accused persons namely Smt. Vineeta Gaur, Shishir Gaur, and Smt. Sunita Gaur – for offences punishable under Section 3 of the PMLA, 2002 and sentenced them to undergo rigorous imprisonment of three years and a fine of Rs. 10,000/- has also been imposed on each of aforesaid accused persons. Main accused Late Suryakant Gaur passed away during the trial of this case.

The Learned Court ordered that it is proved beyond reasonable doubt that the accused persons—Shishir Gaur, Vinita Gaur, and Sunita Gaur—knowingly attempted to project the proceeds/ property/income acquired by the deceased accused Suryakant Gaur through corrupt means as untainted property. It was held that the said accused persons were directly and indirectly involved in concealing, possessing, acquiring, and using such Proceeds of Crime (POC); they knowingly assisted in and became parties to such activities, and projected the POC as untainted property while also claiming such funds to be legitimate. In doing so, the accused persons have committed the offence of money-laundering as defined under Section 3 of the PML Act, 2002

ED initiated investigation in 2011 taking into account the FIR registered by the CBI, Jabalpur, under Sections 13(1)(e) and 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA), 1988.

Late Suryakant Gaur was employed as Assistant Accounts Officer in the Bill Processing Section of the Controller of Defence Accounts (CDA), Jabalpur. His responsibilities included processing Provident Fund (PF) bills, arranging for the preparation of cheques in the name of claimants, and ensuring their disbursement after obtaining necessary approvals from competent authorities. In abuse of his position, funds intended for legitimate PF account holders were fraudulently diverted, into bank accounts held by him, his family members and his associates. As a result, during the check period April 2005 and July 2010, he accumulated assets worth Rs. 90,85,901/, which were disproportionate to his known sources of income, with a disproportionate asset ratio of 304.86%.

After investigation, ED provisionally attached various movable and immovable assets worth Rs. 50,38,678/- vide PAO dated 28.03.2013, which was subsequently confirmed by the Ld. Adjudicating Authority, PMLA, New Delhi. Subsequently a Prosecution Complaint, dated 21.03.2014, was filed in this case before the Hon'ble Special PMLA Court, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.