



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Patna in connection with money laundering case related to **Patna Railway Claims Tribunal scam** carried out search operations at 4 locations related to Judge R.K. Mittal and other involved advocates in Patna, Nalanda and Mangalore; and arrested 3 advocates namely Bidyanand Singh, Parmanand Sinha, and Vijay Kumar on 22.01.2025 for offense of money laundering related to this scam under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The accused were produced before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA) wherein they have been sent to Judicial Custody.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by CBI, ACB, Patna regarding mass scale irregularity/ criminality in the death claim cases filed, processed and decided at Railway Claims Tribunal, Patna (RCT) against unknown public servants of Railway, Bidyanand Singh, Parmanand Singh, Vijay Kumar and others under various sections of IPC, 1860 and PC Act, 1988. As per the FIRs, in pursuance of the said criminal conspiracy, in accidental death claim cases, only a part of the decreed amount, actually awarded to the claimants, was received by the claimants and major chunk was siphoned off by the conspirators.

ED investigation revealed that Adv. Bidyanand Singh and his team of advocates including Adv Parmanand Sinha and Adv Vijay Kumar dealt around 900 cases where decrees/execution orders were issued by Judge R.K. Mittal wherein approximately **Rs. 50 Crore** compensation was awarded to the claimants. It is revealed that Adv Bidyanand Singh and his team of advocates opened and operated the bank accounts of claimants without their knowledge and using the signatures and thumb impressions of these claimants transferred the claim amount received from the railways to their own accounts or withdrawn in cash. Later they gave some amount to the claimants as compensation as per their will. The searches resulted in identification of assets acquired by the advocates and judge in their names and recovery of physical and digital records including signed blank bank cheques & signed blank papers by the claimants.

Further investigation is under progress.