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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Ranchi Zonal Office, has filed its fourth Supplementary Prosecution Complaint (PC) on 22.10.2025 before the Hon'ble Special PMLA Court, Ranchi, in the ongoing money laundering investigation into a massive corruption syndicate within the Rural Works Department, Government of Jharkhand. This supplementary complaint arraigns eight new accused persons, including contractors, aides, and family members of officials, for their active role in the generation, handling, and laundering of Proceeds of Crime (POC). With this filing, the total number of accused arraigned in the case has reached 22.

ED's investigation is based on a predicate offence registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Jamshedpur, wherein a Junior Engineer, Suresh Prasad Verma, was apprehended while accepting a bribe. A subsequent search had led to the seizure of Rs. 2.67 Crore in cash from premises linked to the then Chief Engineer of the department, Veerendra Kumar Ram.

ED investigation has established a massive corruption syndicate within the Rural Works Department. Earlier complaints detailed the role of the then Chief Engineer, Veerendra Kumar Ram, in managing the collection of illegal commissions. ED investigation also revealed the role of Alamgir Alam, the then Minister, Rural Development Department, who allegedly received a fixed commission on tenders. This commission was collected by his Personal Secretary, Sanjeev Kumar Lal, and his aides. Earlier searches in this case had led to the seizure of over Rs. 37 Crore in cash linked to this syndicate. This illicit cash was then laundered through a Delhi-based network of Chartered Accountants and entry operators and used to acquire numerous high-value assets.

The fourth Supplementary Prosecution Complaint details the specific roles of several contractors who generated the POC by paying bribes. Contractor Rajesh Kumar (along with his companies M/s Rajesh Kumar Constructions Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Parmanand Singh Builders Pvt. Ltd.) has admitted to paying bribes amounting to Rs. 1.88 Crore and providing two luxury vehicles (a Toyota Innova and a Toyota Fortuner) as illegal gratification. Another contractor, Radha Mohan Sahu, has admitted to paying bribes of Rs. 39 Lakh and providing a Toyota Fortuner, registered in the name of his son Ankit Sahu, for the same purpose. All three vehicles, which are POC, were seized from the possession of Veerendra Kumar Ram.

This complaint also charges other key conduits and aides who managed the illicit cash. A search at the premises of Atikul Rahman @ Atikul Rahman Ansari, an aide to Veerendra Kumar Ram, resulted in the seizure of Rs. 4.40 Lakh in cash. A separate search at the residence of contractor Rajiv Kumar Singh, who acted as a conduit for officials, led to the seizure of another Rs. 2.13 Crore in unexplained cash. Rajiv Kumar Singh has admitted to collecting and handling approximately Rs. 15 Crore in commission money. Furthermore, Reeta Lal, wife of co-accused Sanjeev Kumar Lal (then PS to the Minister), has been charged with acquiring properties with POC and projecting the tainted funds as legitimate income.

The investigation has so far identified and provisionally attached assets worth over Rs. 44 Crore. The ED has prayed to the Hon'ble Court for the prosecution of all accused persons named in this complaint and for the confiscation of all assets identified as POC.

Further investigation is under progress.