



## **Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Raipur Zonal Office has carried out search operations on 03.09.2025 and 04.09.2025 at 28 locations in the state of Chhattisgarh, linked to District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) Scam under the provisions of the PMLA, 2002. The locations include residential and official premises of the contractors/vendors and their liasoners / middlemen related to Chhattisgarh Rajya Beej Evam Krishi Vikas Nigam Ltd. (Beej Nigam). The search & seizure operation resulted into seizure of cash amounting to **Rs. 4 Crore, 10 kg. of Silver Bullions** as well as other incriminating documents, digital devices etc.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by the Chhattisgarh Police, under various Sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, against the vendors/contractors and government officials, for alleged misappropriation of DMFT funds. DMFT is a trust, funded by miners and have been set up in all districts of Chhattisgarh with an aim to work for the benefits of those affected by mining related projects and activities. However, certain Govt. Officials in collusion with certain vendors / contractors and middlemen misappropriated the same and generated the Proceeds of Crime (POC) by getting allotment of tenders illegally in lieu of huge amount of commission / bribe.

ED investigation revealed that DMFT funds of various districts of Chhattisgarh, amounting to nearly **Rs. 350 Crore** were used through Beej Nigam. Through Beej Nigam, works were allotted to the vendors/contractors for supply of agri-implements; pulverizer; mini dal mills; seeds etc., and **commissions / bribe up to 60% of the contract value** (Proceeds of crime) was taken from them by the liaisoners and finally reached to the certain government officials and other associates.

Earlier, properties worth of **Rs 21.47 Crore** was provisionally attached by the ED and duly confirmed by Adjudicating authority. Also, one Prosecution Complaint has been filed in Spl. PMLA Court, Raipur wherein 16 persons have been arrayed as accused. Furthermore, three persons (Smt. Ranu Sahu, IAS, Smt. Maya Varrier, State Service officer and Manoj Kumar Dwivedi) have been arrested in this case.

Further investigation is under progress.