



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Ranchi Zonal Office, has filed a Supplementary Prosecution Complaint (PC) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, before the Hon'ble Special PMLA Court, Ranchi, against Dinesh Gope, the self-styled chief of the proscribed Naxal organization People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI), and 19 other individuals and entities. The complaint has been filed in a case of terror funding and money laundering, where the total Proceeds of Crime (POC) generated through systematic extortion and levy collection by the PLFI are estimated to be approximately **Rs. 20 Crore**. ED investigation has so far traced and identified a money laundering trail of **Rs. 3.36 Crore**.

ED initiated investigation under the PMLA based on multiple FIRs and Chargesheets filed by the Jharkhand Police and the National Investigation Agency (NIA) against Dinesh Gope and his associates. The predicate offences include a wide array of organized criminal activities such as murder, attempt to murder, extortion, and acts of terror under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

ED investigation revealed that Dinesh Gope, as the supremo of PLFI, commanded a criminal enterprise that systematically extorted levy from contractors, businessmen, and transporters in Jharkhand and adjoining states through violence, arson, and intimidation.

The investigation has unearthed a complex, multi-layered money laundering operation masterminded by Dinesh Gope. The modus operandi involved funneling the extorted cash into a network of shell companies, which were fronted by his two wives, Shakuntala Kumari and Hira Devi. These entities, having no legitimate business, were used to deposit large amounts of illicit cash into the banking system. The funds were then layered through various complex mechanisms, including hawala transactions, a network of local money transfer operators, and third-party businesses, to obscure their criminal origin. Finally, the laundered funds were integrated into the legitimate economy through the acquisition of high-value assets, including luxury vehicles and fixed deposits, and were also used to fund the family's personal expenses.

ED had earlier filed a Prosecution Complaint against Nivesh Kumar, a key PLFI aide, for laundering POC to the tune of over Rs. 4 Crore, which included Rs. 2 Crore received from Dinesh Gope for procuring arms and ammunition. Following this, Dinesh Gope was arrested by the ED on 20.08.2025.

In the present complaint, the ED has prayed for the prosecution of all 21 accused for the offence of money laundering and for the confiscation of assets (comprising seized cash, bank balances, and vehicles) identified as POC.

Further investigation is under progress.