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The Hon'ble Special Court, PMLA at Mumbai has taken cognizance and issued process on 20.09.2025 in the matter of 2nd Supplementary Prosecution Complaint (SPC) filed by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Mumbai Zonal Office on 12.08.2025 in the case against M/s Guruashish Construction Pvt. Ltd. (GACPL) & others. The said Supplementary Complaint has been filed naming 2 persons / entity as new accused viz. M/s Prathmesh Developers LLP, a partnership firm of Pravin Raut & Jitendra Madanlal Mehta, proprietor of M/s Mehta Developers for their role in laundering Proceeds of Crime.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Mumbai under various sections of IPC, 1860 against M/s GACPL, Rakesh Kumar Wadhwan, Sarang Kumar Wadhwan, and others, based on complaint filed by the Executive Engineer, MHADA, Mumbai and chargesheet dated 11.12.2020.

ED investigation revealed that M/s GACPL, entrusted with the redevelopment of the Patra Chawl Project for the rehabilitation of 672 tenants, has been involved in significant financial misconduct. A tripartite agreement was signed between the society, MHADA and GACPL, wherein the developer (GACPL) was supposed to provide flats to 672 tenants, develop proportionate area for MHADA, and thereafter to sell his portion in remaining land area. However, the Directors of M/s GACPL misled MHADA and managed to sell the Floor Space Index (FSI) fraudulently to developers without constructing the rehabilitation portion for the 672 displaced tenants and MHADA portion.

ED investigation revealed that a part of the POC, amounting to Rs 95 Crore, was diverted by Pravin Raut, Director of M/s GACPL to his personal bank accounts which was utilized for acquisition of various land parcels directly from farmers or land aggregators in his own name or in the name of his firm M/s Prathmesh Developers LLP. Other accused, Jitendra Mehta, proprietor of M/s Mehta Developer, was close associate and confidant of Mr. Rakesh Kuldipsingh Wadhawan, Director/promotor of M/s GACPL, since 2003. Rakesh Kuldipsingh Wadhawan utilized funds representing POC and also operated the bank account of M/s Mehta Developers, proprietorship firm of Jitendra Mehta for business activities of M/s GACPL. Further, for role of assistance in illegal activities, flats/ units in Patra Chawl project were admittedly given to Jitendra Mehta without any consideration.

Recently, ED has also provisionally attached properties worth of Rs. 5.20 Crore of Jitendra Mehta & his family members. This is in addition to previously attached assets amounting to Rs. 73.62 Crore of Pravin Raut and associates; assets worth Rs 11.15 Crore belonging to Pravin Raut & Sanjay Raut and assets amounting to Rs 31.50 Crore of Rakesh Kumar Wadhawan and Sarang Wadhawan, by this office. In aggregate, ED has attached assets amounting to Rs. 121.5 Crore in this case so far.

Earlier, ED had filed the main Prosecution Complaint on 01.04.2022, followed by one SPC on 15.09.2022. The present SPC further strengthens the case by establishing the money trail and modus operandi of laundering of POC wherein the Hon'ble Court has issued summons to all newly named accused in this 2nd SPC.