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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Raipur Zonal Office, has arrested Taman Singh Sonwani, the then Chairman of the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGPSC), in the case relating to the corruption, question-paper leak and manipulation of the CGPSC State Service Examinations, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. Taman Singh Sonwani was arrested on 25.07.2026 under Section 19 of the PMLA and produced before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Raipur, which has remanded him to the custody of the ED for a period of 7 days, up to 30.07.2026.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Economic Offences Wing/Anti-Corruption Bureau (EOW/ACB), Raipur, and the subsequent investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), against Taman Singh Sonwani and others, alleging criminal conspiracy, cheating and corruption in the conduct of the CGPSC State Service Examinations held during 2020 and 2021.

ED investigation revealed that Taman Singh Sonwani, while functioning as the Chairman of the CGPSC, entered into a criminal conspiracy with other public servants and private individuals for leaking question papers and manipulating the selection process in exchange for illegal gratification, so as to secure the fraudulent selection of his own relatives and other favoured candidates to senior public posts, including the posts of Deputy Collector and Deputy Superintendent of Police.

Investigation further revealed that the recruitment rules of the CGPSC were got amended in 2021 so as to remove the word "nephew" from the definition of "family", thereby facilitating the selection of the relatives of Taman Singh Sonwani. The Proceeds of Crime were collected partly in cash and partly routed through layered banking transactions. In his statement recorded under Section 50 of the PMLA, 2002, he gave evasive and non-cooperative replies and suppressed material facts. He has been arrested to trace the Proceeds of Crime, establish the money trail and identify the other persons involved.

Further investigation is under progress.