



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Raipur Zonal Office, has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Raipur against Taman Singh Sonwani, the then Chairman of Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGPSC); Chetan Borghariya, the then Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the Chief Minister's Office, Government of Chhattisgarh and others for alleged commission of the offence of money laundering under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with the **CGPSC Recruitment Scam**.

Earlier, ED had also issued a Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) attaching movable and immovable properties worth Rs. 47 Lakhs belonging to Taman Singh Sonwani, Utkarsh Chandrakar and others, representing Proceeds of Crime identified during investigation.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of FIR registered by the EOW/ACB, Raipur, in connection with large-scale corruption, manipulation and irregularities in the CGPSC State Service Examinations, 2020 and 2021. Investigation of the predicate offence was subsequently taken over by CBI, which registered an FIR against Taman Singh Sonwani and others and subsequently filed charge-sheets in the matter.

ED investigation revealed that Utkarsh Chandrakar, along with others, collected illegal gratification exceeding Rs. 3 Crore from various candidates of the CGPSC State Service Examination, 2021, on the assurance of providing question papers in advance and securing their selection by using their purported access to and influence in the then Chief Minister's Office. Investigation further revealed that leaked question papers were provided to certain candidates prior to the examinations. Candidates were assembled at Siddhi Vinayak Marriage Palace, Raipur, prior to the Preliminary Examination, where the leaked question paper was distributed to them. Subsequently, candidates were accommodated at Barnawapara Sanctuary Resort, where coaching was imparted based on leaked question papers relating to the Mains Examination.

Investigation further revealed that Taman Singh Sonwani, while functioning as the Chairman of CGPSC, was involved in the manipulation of the recruitment process for securing selection of his relatives and other favoured candidates. During investigation, Taman Singh Sonwani was arrested on 25.07.2026, Utkarsh Chandrakar on 01.09.2026 and Chetan Borghariya on 11.09.2026, under Section 19 of the PMLA, 2002.

Further investigation is under progress.