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**ED files Supplementary Prosecution Complaint in Trans-Arunachal Highway (TAH) land acquisition compensation scam**

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Itanagar Sub Zonal Office, has filed a Supplementary Prosecution Complaint (SPC) before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Yupia, Arunachal Pradesh, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with a Rs. 44.98 Crore Trans-Arunachal Highway (TAH) land acquisition compensation scam involving fraudulent diversion of Government funds. The Supplementary Prosecution Complaint has been filed under Sections 44 and 45 of the PMLA to place on record additional evidence, expanded financial trail and involvement of further accused persons in the offence of money laundering.

ED initiated investigation under the provisions of the PMLA on the basis of FIR registered by SIC (Vigilance), Itanagar, and Charge Sheet, under various Sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 which are scheduled offences under the PMLA, 2002.

ED investigation has revealed that a well-organised criminal conspiracy was hatched by public servants, including senior district-level officials, in connivance with private individuals to fraudulently divert Government compensation funds earmarked for land acquisition under the Trans-Arunachal Highway (TAH) Project (Potin–Bopi stretch). It has been further revealed that the accused persons facilitated diversion of funds through creation of fictitious beneficiaries, manipulation of official records and preparation of forged bills, followed by routing and layering of funds through multiple bank accounts and intermediary entities to project the Proceeds of Crime as untainted property.

ED had earlier filed a Prosecution Complaint on 12.03.2024 against Kabak Bhatt and others, which has been taken cognizance of by the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Yupia on 14.03.2024. Further investigation conducted thereafter, including searches under Section 17 of the PMLA on 06.02.2026, analysis of bank records, and statements recorded under Section 50 of the PMLA, has led to identification of additional Proceeds of Crime and involvement of further accused persons.

The present Supplementary Prosecution Complaint, inter alia, arrays additional accused persons including Kemo Lollen (then Deputy Commissioner, Ziro), Bharat Lingu (then District Land Revenue & Settlement Officer, Ziro), Toko Taje (Junior Engineer), Kabak Bhatt (Junior Engineer), and Reddy Bei (Range Forest Officer), who, as per ED investigation, were involved in various stages of assessment, approval and facilitation of compensation disbursements. Further, Likha Maj and Tadar Babin, identified as fraudulent beneficiaries, have received substantial compensation amounts without lawful entitlement and to have participated in routing, withdrawal and utilisation of such funds. The role of Mojje Lollen, as an associate/intermediary facilitating movement of funds, has also been brought out in the Prosecution Complaint.

ED investigation further revealed that substantial amounts of Government funds were diverted and routed through multiple bank accounts. In particular, Rs. 9.44 Crore have been routed through the bank account of Likha Maj, while Rs. 5.47 Crore have been received by Tadar Babin without lawful entitlement. The financial trail is stated to indicate layering through entities such as M/s T & G Enterprises and M/s Tenzin Enterprise.

Statements recorded under Section 50 of the PMLA, as referred to in the Prosecution Complaint, are stated to corroborate the documentary and financial evidence, including admission of receipt of compensation without entitlement and routing of funds on instructions of public servants. The Prosecution Complaint reveals premature and unauthorised diversion of Government funds, including transfer of Rs.9.44 Crore to fictitious beneficiaries through multiple cheque instruments prior to formal commencement of compensation disbursement.

During the course of investigation, ED has taken multiple actions to secure Proceeds of Crime, including seizure of cash amounting to Rs. 2.40 Crore and Rs. 22 Lakh, freezing of bank balances amounting to approximately Rs. 1.19 Crore (including accounts linked to Tadar Babin and other accused persons), and earlier freezing of funds amounting to approximately Rs. 3.95 Crore in bank accounts and deposits. ED has further provisionally attached immovable properties valued at Rs. 2.37 Crore under the provisions of the PMLA. Accordingly, the total value of Proceeds of Crime secured till date through attachment, seizure and freezing in the present case amounts to approximately Rs. 10.13 Crore.

The matter is presently before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), and further investigation is under progress.