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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Raipur Zonal Office, conducted search operations on 01.09.2026 at five premises located in the districts of Raipur, Durg, Dhamtari and Jashpur in Chhattisgarh, under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with the alleged irregularities, question-paper leak and corruption in the recruitment process conducted by Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGPSC).

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of 02 FIRs registered by EOW, ACB, Raipur and CBI, ACB, Raipur, against Taman Singh Sonwani, the then Chairman of the CGPSC and others for alleged large-scale irregularities, manipulation and corruption in the CGPSC State Service Examinations conducted during 2020 and 2021.

Investigation revealed that the question papers of the CGPSC examinations were leaked to the relatives of the accused persons and to selected candidates through private brokers in exchange for illegal gratification, thereby securing fraudulent selections to senior public posts including those of Deputy Collector and Deputy Superintendent of Police. Further investigation revealed generation of Proceeds of Crime of more than Rs. 3 Crore by Utkarsh Chandrakar and Dr. Vikash Chandrakar, collected in cash from job aspirants against the assurance of supplying the leaked question papers of CGPSC-2021 examination, out of which an amount of Rs. 2.80 Crore (Approx) was handed over to Anil Chandrakar. Utkarsh Chandrakar used the name, position and influence of Shri K.K. Chandravanshi, the then Personal Assistant to the then Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh and his maternal uncle, and also of then Officer on Special Duty in the office of the then Chief Minister, for influencing job aspirants and collecting money from them.

ED previously conducted searches in the matter on 03.06.2026 and based upon the evidence gathered, statements recorded under Section 50 of PMLA, 2002, the digital evidence retrieved from his mobile phone and analysis of his bank statements, it was established that Utkarsh Chandrakar was knowingly indulged in processes and activities connected with the Proceeds of Crime, including their generation, acquisition, possession, concealment, layering, transfer, use and projection as untainted property. Accordingly, he was arrested on 01.09.2026 under Section 19 of the PMLA, 2002.

The searches resulted in the seizure of incriminating documents, digital devices, financial records, property-related documents and other evidences relevant to the investigation.

Further investigation is under progress.