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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Raipur Zonal Office, has arrested Chetan Borghariya, the then Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the Chief Minister’s Office of Govt. of Chhattisgarh and presently posted as Additional Collector, Balrampur-Ramanujganj, Chhattisgarh, on 11.09.2026 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with the money laundering investigation relating to alleged irregularities and manipulation in the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGPSC) State Service Examinations, 2020 and 2021.

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. Investigation of the predicate offence was subsequently taken over by CBI, which registered an FIR against Shri Taman Singh Sonwani, the then Chairman of CGPSC, and others, and subsequently filed charge-sheets in the matter.

ED investigation has revealed that Utkarsh Chandrakar, Anil Chandrakar and Dr. Vikash Chandrakar allegedly collected illegal gratification exceeding ₹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 and influence in the then Chief Minister’s Office. Investigation further revealed that the name and official position of Chetan Borghariya, who was then posted as OSD to the Chief Minister’s Office, was allegedly used in connection with such assurances.

ED investigation further revealed that leaked question papers were allegedly 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 allegedly distributed to them. Subsequently, candidates were accommodated at Barnawapara Sanctuary Resort, where coaching was allegedly imparted based on leaked question papers relating to the Mains Examination. Financial investigation revealed cash deposits aggregating to ₹66.64 Lakh through 170 transactions in the bank account of Chetan Borghariya during the relevant period. Investigation has also revealed multiple financial transactions between Chetan Borghariya and Utkarsh Chandrakar.

Earlier, ED had conducted search proceedings at the premises of Chetan Borghariya on 01.09.2026 under the provisions of the PMLA, 2002. During the search proceedings, various digital devices, including mobile phones, were recovered and seized. Forensic examination of the seized digital devices revealed communications between Chetan Borghariya and Utkarsh Chandrakar relating, inter alia, to financial transactions and demands for return/payment of money. Investigation has also revealed financial transactions involving M/s Figurecave E-Com (OPC) Private Limited, which is suspected to have been used for layering and movement of funds.

The evidence gathered during investigation, including digital evidence, banking transactions and statements recorded under PMLA, 2002 revealed involvement of Chetan Borghariya in processes and activities connected with the Proceeds of Crime, including their acquisition, possession, concealment and use. Accordingly, Chetan Borghariya was arrested under Section 19 of the PMLA, 2002, on 11.09.2026. Chetan Borghariya was produced before the Hon’ble Special Court (PMLA), Raipur, which granted six days’ ED custody for further investigation.

Further investigation is under progress.