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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Indore Sub Zonal Office has filed Prosecution Complaint before Hon'ble Special Court for PMLA cases at Indore on 28.11.2025 against Rajesh Kothari seeking the prosecution of the accused for the offence of money laundering as defined under Section 3 and punishable under Section 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. On 16.12.2025, the Hon'ble Special Court has issued notices to the accused persons.

ED initiated the investigation under the provisions of PMLA on the basis of FIR No. 77/2011 dated 16.07.2011 and Subsequent chargesheet dated 12.03.2020 u/s 13(1)(e), 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 by Special Police Establishment, Lokayukta Police, Ujjain against Rajesh Kothari, alleging that accused, Rajesh Kothari, had acquired various movable and immovable properties in the name of himself and his family members by indulging in huge corruption while holding the posts of Assistant Health Officer, Health Officer and Removal Officer in Municipal Corporation Indore. The Chargesheet further revealed that disproportionate assets to the tune of Rs. 2,51,86,444/- were amassed by Rajesh Kothari during his service period in his name and in the name of his family members.

During the course of PMLA investigation, it was revealed that Rajesh Kothari has amassed huge amount of movable and immovable assets by way of corrupt means during his posting as Health Officer in Indore Municipal Corporation. With respect to the numerous properties acquired by Rajesh Kothari in his own name and in the names of his family members, there were no adequate or proportionate sources of income to justify these acquisitions. Further, Rajesh Kothari could not provide proper explanation for source of fund which were used to acquire various immovable properties.

Further, in PMLA investigation it was found that Rajesh Kothari and his family members have knowingly generated, acquired, possessed, used and concealed the Proceeds of crime and attempted to project the same as untainted property. ED Investigation identified 2 properties valued at Rs.1,30,91,803/- which were purchased using Proceeds of Crime generated directly from Scheduled offence. These properties were provisionally attached under the provisions of PMLA.

Further investigation is under progress in the matter.