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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Guwahati Zonal Office, has conducted search operations on 18.12.2025 on Priyanshu Boiragi, proprietor of M/s Purbashree Printing House, Guwahati and have arrested him under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. He was produced before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Guwahati, which has granted ED custody for five (5) days.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the CM's Special Vigilance Cell, Assam, under various Sections of IPC, 1860 and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The said offences are scheduled offences under Part A of the Schedule to PMLA. It is alleged in the FIR that Priyanshu Boiragi, Proprietor of M/s Purbashree Printing House, Guwahati, entered into a criminal conspiracy with Chohan Doley, IAS (then Member Secretary, Assam Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board – ABOCWWB), Gautam Baruwa (then Chairman, ABOCWWB) and other officials, to fraudulently siphon off Government funds collected as Labour Welfare Cess. The Labour Welfare Cess collected by the **Assam Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board** under the *Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996* (generally at 1% of construction cost) is a **dedicated welfare fund** meant exclusively for the **social security and welfare of registered construction workers**. It is used to provide benefits such as accident and death assistance, medical aid, maternity benefits, pensions, educational support for workers' children, funeral assistance, and other welfare measures, recognizing the informal, hazardous, and insecure nature of construction work. The conspirators of the scam fraudulent siphoned off and laundered funds meant for the extremely poor sections of the society.

During financial years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, Priyanshu Boiragi was awarded fraudulent printing contracts amounting to total **Rs. 121.05 Crore** through staged, fake and forged tendering processes. Of the contract amount, an amount of **Rs. 118.55 Crore** was received by M/s Purbashree Printing House from ABOCWWB, large parts of which were either immediately converted to personal FDs by Priyanshu Boiragi or routed through several shell entities in Delhi to complicate tracing of the Proceeds of Crime (POC).

During the course of the search incriminating evidences and electronic devices have been seized under relevant sections of PMLA along with one Audi Car. In this case earlier, FDs and Bank Balances to the tune of **Rs.34.03 Crore** have been attached under Section 5(1) of PMLA and the same was confirmed by the Ld. Adjudication Authority, PMLA.