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ED FILES PROSECUTION COMPLAINT UNDER PMLA IN GANDHAMARDAN LOADING AGENCY CASE

Directorate of Enforcement (ED) Headquarters has filed a Prosecution Complaint under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 on 23.12.2025 before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA)-cum-Additional Sessions Judge, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, in the matter relating to Gandhamardan Loading Agency & Transporting Co-operative Society Ltd., Keonjhar, Odisha. The Prosecution Complaint has been filed against 11 accused persons, including the main accused Soumya Sankar Chakra @ Raja Chakra, his key associates, and office bearers of the said cooperative society.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Bhubaneswar, under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 pertaining to cheating, forgery, and criminal conspiracy. The scheduled offence involves large-scale misappropriation and diversion of society funds by falsely showing expenditures under heads such as periphery development, village expenses, fuel charges, EPF deductions, and other fabricated claims.

ED investigation revealed that the society was effectively controlled by Soumya Sankar Chakra @ Raja Chakra, who, in connivance with the then President Manas Ranjan Barik and Secretary Utkal Das, fraudulently diverted funds of the society. The diversion was carried out through self and bearer cheques, cash withdrawals, and layered banking transactions.

The illegally diverted funds were used for personal enrichment of Soumya Sankar Chakra and for settling dues of various business entities owned and controlled by him. ED found no genuine work orders, invoices, or evidence of actual development activities to substantiate the expenditures recorded in the society's books of accounts.

During the course of the investigation, ED conducted search operations under Section 17 of PMLA at multiple premises and provisionally attached Proceeds of Crime amounting to Rs.22.26 Crore.

Further investigation is under progress.