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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Raipur Zonal Office, has provisionally attached properties worth Rs. 68.16 Crore belonging to three major Chhattisgarh-based distilleries namely M/s Chhattisgarh Distilleries Ltd (CDL), M/s Bhatia Wine Merchants Pvt Ltd (BWMPL) and M/s Welcome Distilleries Pvt Ltd (WDPL). The action, taken under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, is part of the investigation conducted into the massive liquor scam involving a criminal syndicate of high-ranking bureaucrats, politicians, and private entities. **Including the said attachment of** Rs.68.16 Crore, total attachment made by ED in respect of the three distillers stands at **Rs. 96.55 Crore**.

The investigation reveals that said three licensed manufacturers of country liquor were central participants in a three-part corruption model (Part-A, B, and C).

Part-A: The syndicate increased the "landing rates" (procurement prices) paid by the government to these distilleries. In exchange, the distillers paid back an illegal commission of Rs. 75 to Rs.125 per case.

Part-B: Distillers produced "off-the-record" unaccounted liquor using duplicate holograms and illicit bottles. This liquor was sold through state-run shops, bypassing taxes and warehouses.

Part-C: Distillers paid annual bribes to the syndicate to maintain a monopoly and secure fixed market shares.

The investigation established that between April 2019 and June 2022, the three distillers supplied approximately 60,50,950 cases of Part-B liquor to the syndicate.

ED initiated investigation based on FIR registered by ACB/EOW, Raipur, Chhattisgarh under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in the said Liquor scam in the State of Chhattisgarh. Police investigation has revealed that Chhattisgarh Liquor scam resulted in a massive loss to the State Exchequer. The syndicate’s activities, led by figures such as Anil Tuteja (Ex-IAS), Anwar Dhebar, and Arun Pati Tripathi, resulted in a massive loss to the State Exchequer and filled the pockets of the beneficiaries with more than Rs. 2800 Crore of Proceeds of Crime generated by the commission of scheduled offences.

Investigation conducted by ED has resulted into attachment of properties worth of more than Rs. 380 Crore as well as arrest of Anil Tuteja (Ex-IAS); Arvind Singh; Trilok Singh Dhillon; Anwar Dhebar; Arun Pati Tripathi (ITS); Kawasi Lakhma (MLA and then Excise Minister of Chhattisgarh); Chaitanya Baghel (son of Ex-CM) ; Mrs. Soumya Chaurasia (Deputy secretary in CM office) and Niranjan Das (IAS).