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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Ranchi has secured a conviction in the matter of submitting false and bogus invoices of bitumen, which caused wrongful gain to a contractor and corresponding loss to the state exchequer of Jharkhand. ED had filed Prosecution Complaint on 31.03.2018 before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Ranchi, against the accused M/s Kalawati Construction Pvt Ltd. and Vijay Kumar Tiwari, and on 26.06.2024, the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Ranchi sentenced the said accused to three years of Rigorous imprisonment and also imposed a fine of Rs 1 Lakh on him, in a money laundering case.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR & Charge sheet filed by CBI/ACB, Ranchi under various sections of IPC,1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act,1988 against M/s Kalawati Construction Pvt Ltd and Vijay Kumar Tiwari.

ED initiated investigation revealed that M/s Kalawati Constructions Pvt. Ltd, Garhwa was awarded with a contract for execution of the work for Special repair of "Balumath-Harhargunj- Panki Road at a contractual value of Rs. 1.32 Crore (approx.) ED investigation disclosed that the company submitted 13 bitumen invoices, out of which 11 invoices covering 224.25 MT bitumen worth Rs. 55.41 Lakh (approx.) were found to be fake. No bitumen was procured/supplied against those 11 fake bitumen invoices.

Prosecution Complaint filed by the ED states that Vijay Kumar Tiwari has submitted 13 bitumen invoices, out of which 11 invoices, worth Rs. 55.41 Lakh (approx.) were fake, thus caused wrongful gain to him and corresponding loss to the state exchequer of Jharkhand. Further, accused had deposited Rs. 35.41 Lakh approx. to the concerned department as per the order of Hon'ble High court, at the time of bail.

After the trial, the Learned Court convicted Vijay Kumar Tiwari, Director of M/s Kalawati Construction Pvt Ltd for being guilty of offences of money laundering as defined under Section 3 and punishable under Section 4 of the PMLA, 2002. The Court has also ordered for confiscation of Proceeds of Crime of Rs. 20,00,647/- under section 8(5) of the PMLA, 2002.