



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Ranchi Zonal Office has provisionally attached four immovable properties having value of Rs 22.47 Lakh belonging to Shashi Prakash & Jai Kishore Chaudhary (both Executive Engineers) in case MGNREGA scam of Jharkhand .This is the fourth Provisional Attachment Order issued in the said case. The total properties worth Rs. 106.86 Crore, including this provisional order, have been attached/seized till date in the subject case

ED initiated investigation on the basis of 16 FIRs registered by Jharkhand Police in reference to embezzlement of Rs 18 Crore in MGNREGA work in the district of Khunti Jharkhand. Further, Charge-sheet filed by Jharkhand Police revealed that Junior Engineer RBP Sinha, Assistant Engineer R.K. Jain (now deceased), Shashi Prakash & Jai Kishore Chaudhary, both executive engineers, were involved in the combined embezzlement of Rs.18.06 Crore.

Earlier, ED had conducted several searches under provisions of PMLA on 06.05.2022, at the premises related to these engineers and also at the premises related to Pooja Singhal IAS, the then DC of Khunti District, during which huge cash of Rs 19.58 Crore was recovered & seized. Further, three persons namely Ram Binod Prasad Sinha, Pooja Singhal & CA Suman Kumar have been arrested in this case and three Prosecution Complaints have already been filed against Ram Binod Prasad Sinha, Pooja Singhal, Abhishek Jha, Jai Kishore Chaudhary, R K Jain (Deceased), Shashi Prakash and CA Suman Kumar before the Hon'ble Special (PMLA) Court, Ranchi wherein trial is under progress.
