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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Ranchi Zonal Office, has filed its 3rd Supplementary Prosecution Complaint on 19.06.2025 against Suresh Prasad Verma, a former Junior Engineer, in a major money laundering case. The complaint is part of an ongoing investigation into a massive bribery and tender-related corruption racket in Jharkhand, which has led to the arrest of then-state minister Alamgir Alam.

ED initiated its money laundering investigation based on a 2019 FIR registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Jamshedpur, in which Suresh Prasad Verma was trapped while accepting a bribe. Subsequent searches by the ACB had led to a seizure of Rs. 2.67 Crore in unexplained cash from a property linked to a chief engineer Veerendra Kumar Ram.

ED's probe revealed a deep-rooted conspiracy where senior government officials and political figures allegedly received around 3% commission on government tenders. The investigation established that a significant portion of this commission was collected on behalf of then-Rural Development Minister Alamgir Alam, allegedly managed through his Personal Secretary, Sanjeev Kumar Lal.

This network was unearthed following extensive investigation, which included the seizure of over Rs. 35 Crore in cash from premises linked to the minister's aides. The probe has also established a sophisticated money laundering nexus involving Delhi-based Chartered Accountants and entry operators who were funnelling the illicit cash through shell companies.

ED had previously arrested Alamgir Alam and has filed chargesheets against him, senior officials, and the money laundering syndicate. This latest complaint formally charges Suresh Prasad Verma for his role in the acquisition of Proceeds of Crime and for knowingly assisting in the concealment of illicit cash linked to the larger racket.

Till date, four Prosecution Complaints against 14 (fourteen) accused persons, 3 (three) provisional attachment orders (PAOs) have been issued whereby assets to the tune of Rs. 44 Crore have been attached, cash of around Rs. 38 Crore (approx.) have been seized, jewellery worth Rs. 1.65 Crore, 8 (eight) luxury vehicles have been seized, and nine persons have been arrested in the case.