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ODISHA VIGILANCE ARRESTS 03 EXECUTANTS FOR THEIR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN MISAPPROPRIATION OF GOVERNMENT MONEY TO THE TUNE OF 3 CRORES IN INSTALLATION OF LED STREET LIGHTING WORKS (2021-2023) IN KENDUJHAR, NAYAGADA AND JAJPUR DISTRICTS.

Today i.e. on 25.6.2026, 03 executants namely Girija Sankar Dash, Proprietor, M/s Transpower, Prafulla Nagar Convent Area, Baripada, Dist-Mayurbhanja, Dharanidhar Sahoo, Proprietor, M/s Biraja Electrical and Constructions, Devi Dwar, Jajpur Town and Sri Bibhuti Ranjan Biswal, Proprietor, M/s Jogamaya Traders Pro, At-Khandagiri, Near Jayadev Bhatika, PS-Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar were arrested by Odisha Vigilance and forwarded to the respective Vigilance Courts for their alleged involvement in misappropriation of Government money to the tune of 3 crores in installation of LED street lighting works (2021-2023).

In this connection, Odisha Vigilance has registered 03 cases vide Vigilance Cell PS Case No. 5,6 & 7 under relevant provisions of P.C. Act, 1988 and IPC against those accused persons. During thorough investigation, above 03 executants were found to have been awarded the contracts in the above 03 districts as main accused in the misappropriation cases

As per preliminary estimate, misappropriation of approx. 3 crores was found to have taken place in the 03 districts. There are approx. 1000 clusters (each cluster consists of 10 LED lights) in these 03 districts, where installations of LED street lighting were executed out of the funds received from 5th State Finance Commission d evolution Grants during 2021 to 2023. All these clusters are being technically examined by experts to generate evidence of shortfalls and misappropriation in each cluster. Connected files are being seized to examine the mechanism of disbursal of funds and the connivance of Government servants.

Investigation of the cases are in progress.