

**Petition filed before EOW, Bhubaneswar / Cuttack in connection with
On-going -inquiry into financial irregularities committed by Raja Chakra
of Keonjhar District.**

To,

1. The Addl. Director General Police, CID Crime Branch. (Economic Offence Wing). (EOW), Cuttack.
2. The Enforcement Directorate, (ED), Odisha. Bhubaneswar.

Sub: -Complaint regarding unholy alliance of Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Bhubaneswar, ARCS and DRCS, Keonjhar of Cooperative Dept., Asish Thakre, the then Collector, Keonjhar and Mitrabhanu Mohapatra, former Superintendent of Police, Keonjhar with Raja Chakra for promotion of his crime, criminality and financial fraud worth corers of rupees of Gandhamardan Loading Agency & Transporting Cooperative Society Ltd., Suakati. Dist:- Keonjhar.- Seeking Inquiry regarding.

Sir,

We, the following Social Activists working for transparency in Govt. and raising voice against corruption, bring to your kind notice the following matter of public concern for urgent action at your end.

1. That, it is learnt from Economic Offence Wing (EOW) source published in media that about 35 crores rupees of Gandhamardan Loading Agency & Transporting Cooperative Society Ltd., Suakati, Dist:-Keonjhar which now go up to above 200 crores & may enhance in future investigation, has been misappropriated by the office bearers of the society by preparing false, fraudulent & forged documents which has been confirmed from preliminary investigation. The media sources say that it has come to the knowledge of EOW from interrogation of arrested persons of the society that one Raja Chakra along with other persons have misappropriated the funds of the society by influencing the office bearers of it. The sources also say that the above amount has been misappropriated by Raja Chakra & his associates through different illegal manner. Basing upon the statements of the arrested persons, EOW has interrogated Raja Chakra & other persons. From such investigation, EOW has come to know that Raja Chakra has owned nos of movable & immovable properties & accumulated vast amount & built up Farm House & constructed nos of costly & valuable buildings & other assets by collecting huge amount illegally from Trucks which are used for transportation of Iron Ore for loading and leveling of it from Gandhamardan Iron Ore Mines of OMC at Suakati. Keonjhar. As such Teams of EOW are conducting raid at the different places of Raja Chakra & are tracing his assets & ascertaining its value.

2. It is worth to mention here that such a huge amount(above 200 crores) cannot be misappropriated by only Raja Chakra alone because there is cooperative dept. and Registrar of Cooperative Societies Odisha which are authorized to supervise & monitor the activities & performances of the cooperative societies as per Cooperative Societies Act and Rules. As such, Gandhamardan Loading Agency & Transporting Cooperative Society, Suakati, Dist:- Keonjhar was also functioning under the supervision of ARCS, Keonjhar circle & is continuing till date. Irregularities in Gandhamardan Loading Agency & Transporting Cooperative Society Ltd., Suakati. Dist:- Keonjhar & misappropriation of such a huge amount is not one day's affair. Such irregularities must have been continuing since last 5/6 years. It was clearly reflected in the activities of offices bearers & other active members of the society who were operating & monopolizing & controlling the

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society. That, so many complaints regarding illegalities in spending of funds of the society by the officer bearers of it were filed by the affected members & non members of the society before ARCS, DRCS, RCS, Odisha & NCST, New Delhi. Here the questions arise that what officials of ARCS, DRCS, Keonjhar were doing ? Were irregularities committed by the office bearers of the society are not known to the ARCS & DRCS, Keonjhar ? We presume that such illegal activities of the office bearers of Gandhamardan Loading Agency & Transporting Cooperative Society Ltd. Suakati. Dist:- Keonjhar must be known to the ARCSs, DRCSs who were in service at Keonjhar during past days. But why the then ARCSs, DRCSs, Keonjhar who were in service during 2015-2024 remained silent in those days. Why they had not taken any action against the office bearers of the society earlier who had committed such irregularities ? Why ARCSs had not taken initiation to Audit the above cooperative society regularly ? Why ARCSs had allowed the officer bearers of Gandhamardan Loading Agency & Transporting Cooperative Society Ltd. to collect excess money from trucks & to spend it as their own property i.e. without approval of the competent authority of the society. It is established that all ARCSs, DRCSs who were in keonjhar circle in past days, were involved in illegalities & misappropriation of funds of Gandhamardan Loading Agency & Transporting Cooperative Society Ltd., Suakati. Dist:- Keonjhar by its office bearers & other political leaders. It is alleged that they have nexus with the members of the society for which they remained silent in this regard. Despite taking action against the office bearers of the society for committing such illegalities in spending its funds, they preferred to assist & encourage the office bearers of Gandhamardan Loading Agency & Transporting Cooperative Society Ltd. to loot its funds by remaining silent & taking % from them to our strong belief.

3. It deserves to mention here that where Press release of EOW of Odisha speaks that preliminary investigation of it shows misappropriation of Rs. 35 crores which now reached up to 200 crores during 2017-2022 by the office bearers of Gandhamardan Loading Agency & Transporting Cooperative Society Ltd., which may be more in further investigation. Strangely, the Special Audit Report of Cooperative Dept. which was conducted in the year of 2022 shows that only 11,82,323.00 has been misappropriated in total in 3 incidents which is very nominal & small comparatively irregularities found by the audit team. It proves that the officials of Cooperative Dept. who conducted Special Audit of the society must have been managed & gained by the member of the society for which they have overlooked most of the irregularities committed by the office bearers & stated illegalities of only Rs 11,82,323.00. It raises so many doubts on the integrity of the members of the Audit Team of the cooperative Dept. who have audited the society. Extract of Special Audit Report on financial irregularities of Gandhamardan Loading Agency & Transporting Cooperative Society Ltd., Suakati. Dist:- Keonjhar containing 12 nos pages are annexed herewith as **Annexure- I series**.
4. Astonishingly, No action has been initiated by the Dept. against erring officials of said cooperative society who have committed such offences for which, society lost Rs 11,82,323/- nor recovered the amount from them till date.
5. That, the above evidences clearly confirms that the ARCSs, DRCs, Keonjhar & employees of their offices cooperated & allowed the office bearers of the society intentionally to make fraud for their self interest & give opportunities to Raja Chakra & it associates to misappropriate the funds of the society in a fraudulent manner. Reasons behind it should be investigated.

6. Similarly, It has come to our notice from media that Sri Badri Patra, MLA of Ramachandrapur, Keonjhar district has publicly alleged the involvement of the then Collector of Keonjhar, Sri Asish Thakre and Superintendent of Police, Sri Mitrabhanu Mohapatra were extended all administrative support to Raja Chakra who successfully continues to strengthen his above mentioned illegal activities. He has also gone to the extent of saying that he had earlier filed complaint in the office of Ex- Chief Minister and Mr. V. K. Pandian, Private Secretary to the then Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik about such financial fraud committed by Raja Chakra.
 7. It is also alleged that both Asish Thakre and Mitrabhanu Mohapatra had assisted Mr. Raja Chakra in collecting illegal money from Trucks & other sources. They had created havoc among the people of Keonjhar by using their power & position. They had filed false cases & forwarded to jail those who raised voice against Raja Chakra's corruption. So message was communicated to the common people that Dist. administration is with Raja Chakra, so nobody dared to go against such crime of Raja Chakra. Sri Asish Thakare & Mitrabhanu Mahapatra, the then Collector & Superintendent of Police, Keonjhar Dist. helped him to construct his black empire & gained huge properties illegally.
 8. That, illegal collection of money by Raja Chakra from Trucks was done in the jurisdiction of Gandhamardan Iron Ore Mines at Suakati owned by Orissa Mining Corporation. There is a Regional Office of OMC working at Suakati with one Regional Manger with so many staffs. Did Regional Manager of Orissa Mining Corporation not knew it ? Why he allowed Raja Chakra to collect excess money from trucks through Gandhamardan Loading Agency & Transporting Cooperative Society Ltd.. Under which circumstances Regional Manager, OMC, remained mute in this scam of Raja Chakra & did not report to his higher authorities about such illegal activities of Raja Chakra that should be enquired.
- The presentation made above clearly confirms that there was a unholy alliance of the high ranked Govt. officials of different Depts. & top leaders of the then ruling political party of Odisha with Raja Chakra to loot the benefits of the poor & tribal people of mining affected areas of this dist.

In this connection, we appeal you to bring the then officials of all Depts of Govt. authorities specifically officials of Cooperative Dept. including the members of the Audit Team who had audited the society and gave opportunities to Raja Chakra to collect illegal money & misappropriate crores of rupees of Gandhamardan Loading Agency & Transporting Cooperative Society Ltd. under the jurisdiction of investigation.

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