

## Press Releases

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CBI Court Sentences Central Excise and Service Tax Inspector to 5 Years RI in Disproportionate Assets Case

The CBI Court, Ahmedabad, today, i.e., 29.12.2025, has convicted and sentenced the accused Kaushik Anvantrai Karelia, the then Appraiser/Preventive Officer, Kandla Special Economic Zone (KASEZ), presently working as Inspector, Central Excise and Service tax, Bhavnagar, to Five Years Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) with fine of Rs. 63,00,000 in a Disproportionate Assets case. His wife **Pooja Karelia** has been sentenced to **One Year Imprisonment** with a **fine of Rs. 50,000** for abetment of the offence in the said Disproportionate Assets (DA) case.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) registered the instant case on 30.09.2013 against the accused Kaushik Anvantrai Karelia, the then Appraiser/Preventive Officer, Kandla Special Economic Zone (KASEZ), presently working as Inspector, Central Excise and Service tax, Bhavnagar on the allegations that the accused during the period 01.09.2008 to 31.03.2013, had amassed assets disproportionate to their known source of income to the tune of Rs.19,86,661 which was 130% in excess to their known source of income. During investigation, the check period was revised from 01.04.2004 to 20.03.2013. After the investigation, CBI filed chargesheet on 03.09.2014 against the accused Kaushik Anvantrai Karelia and Pooja Karelia, W/o Kaushik Karelia for amassing assets to the tune of Rs.57,60,729.15 disproportionate to their known source of income, which is 183.57% in excess to their known source of income.

The Hon'ble Court, after the trial, convicted and sentenced the accused persons accordingly.