

Saved ₹90k cr, stopped loot: PM

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said there was a conspiracy to oust him as his government had stopped the siphoning of ₹90,000 crore through bogus documents.

"We have put an end to loot of public money (which was the case) during the previous governments by middlemen. We have busted more than 60 million fake ration cards, LPG connections and bogus pensions," Modi said at a BJP rally in western Odisha town.

Around ₹90,000 crore has been saved by detecting these irregularities and blocking the leakages, he said.

"Money was being siphoned using names of children who were not born, in the name of people who did not exist," the prime minister said, after he unveiled a slew of central projects worth over ₹1,550 crore at an official function.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a public meeting in Balangir, Odisha, on Tuesday

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people in jeopardy, they are now joining hands to remove the country's *chowkidar* (watchman) by levelling false allegations against me, the prime minister said without taking any names.

He said, "Who will protect the rights of the poor? We have stopped the loot of

₹90,000 crore. This money used to go into the pockets of people who used to purchase big cars and fly in aeroplanes. But now these things have stopped, so their anger against Modi is natural. Now they want to take revenge against me. But with your blessings their efforts will

not be successful," he said.

Hinting at the coming together of Opposition parties against the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, Modi said conspiracies are being hatched from various quarters and now some of the conspirators are coming together.