



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement(ED) had attached properties worth Rs. 1.62 Crore of former IAS Officer T.O. Sooraj under PMLA in connection with Disproportionate Assets (DA) case. The properties attached includes vacant land situated in Kerala, Fixed Deposits, bank balance and investment in shares, held in his name as well purchased / held in the name of his family members.

T.O. Sooraj joined Kerala Government service in the year, 1980 as a Forest Ranger and subsequently was conferred IAS Cadre with effect from 1994. He had served in several Departments in Kerala Government.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of Charge Sheet filed by Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, Special Cell, Ernakulam against T.O. Sooraj wherein he was charged for amassing wealth disproportionate to his known sources of income. During the course of PMLA investigation, it was unearthed that T.O. Sooraj had purchased several landed properties as well as vehicles in the name of his wife and in the name of their children. Further, it was also found that he had purchased vehicle in benami name of his associate. T.O. Sooraj, had utilized the illegitimate money to acquire several properties in the name of his family members & associate.

Earlier, the ED had attached Proceeds of Crime in the form of various movable and immovable properties totally worth Rs. 8.81 Crore held in his name as well as in the name of his family members & associate.

With the present attachment, total attachment in this case had reached to Rs. 10.43 Crore.

Further investigation is under progress.

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