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Adjudicating Authority has confirmed the provisional attachment of immovable properties of Pooja Singhal. Earlier, ED had provisionally attached these immovable properties worth Rs. 82.77 Crore belonging to Pooja Singhal, IAS & others in Ranchi, Jharkhand on 01.12.2022. The properties include one Super Speciality Hospital namely 'Pulse Super Speciality Hospital', one diagnostics centre namely 'Pulse Diagnostic and Imaging Centre', Plant & machineries and two land parcels situated in Ranchi.

ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by Jharkhand Police & Vigilance Bureau, Jharkhand. Investigation revealed that Proceeds of Crime generated from the MNREGA Scam was deposited in different bank accounts belonging to Pooja Singhal & her relatives and such fund was also utilized for purchase/investment in other properties. The said POC was intermingled and layered with the other unaccounted money generated by Pooja Singhal, by misusing her official position. By this modus-operandi, Pooja Singhal amassed huge wealth disproportionate to her known source of income and source of funds invested in these immovable properties were primarily from the unaccounted cash profits generated from these POC and therefore termed as Proceeds of Crime.

During investigation, ED had conducted searches at various premises belonging to Pooja Singhal and her associates on 06.05.2022. During the course of such search proceedings cash of Rs 19.76 Crore was unearthed and seized. Retention of the seized cash along with other seized items was allowed by the Adjudicating Authority vide order dated 31.10.2022. Pooja Singhal was arrested by ED on 11.05.22 and a Prosecution Complaint was filed against her and 6 others on 05.07.22 for commission of the offence of money laundering. She is currently in Judicial Custody at Hotwar Jail, Ranchi after being denied any relief from the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of bail petition filed by her.

Further investigation is under progress.