



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has conducted follow up search operations on 16.01.2024 at 8 locations in Jaipur & Banswara districts of Rajasthan under the Provisions of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) in the Jal Jeevan Mission Scam. The searches have been conducted on the residential premises of Mahesh Joshi, Ex-Minister, PHED, Government of Rajasthan, officials of PHED in addition to private individuals.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the ACB, Rajasthan against Padamchand Jain (Proprietor: M/s. Shree Shyam Tubewell Company), Mahesh Mittal (Proprietor M/s Shree Ganpati Tubewell Company) and others including PHED officials. Another FIR was also registered by the Rajasthan Police, Bajaj Nagar Police station under various sections of IPC on the basis of a complaint alleging use of fake and fabricated work experience certificate by one of the suspected firms.

ED investigation revealed that the said contractors were involved in securing tenders pertaining to Jal Jeevan Mission works based on purported fake work completion certificates issued by M/s Indian Railway Construction International Limited (IRCON) and by bribing senior PHED officials. Several middle men and property dealers have aided the PHED officials in siphoning off the illegally earned money from the JJM scam. It has been gathered that certain properties were procured using money generated from criminal activity.

During the search operations, a total of Rs. 39 lakh unaccounted cash along with various incriminating documents including property details, digital evidences, mobiles etc. have been seized. Total seizure in this case till date is **Rs. 11.42 Crore**, including gold/silver worth Rs. 6.50 Crore.

Further investigation is under progress.