



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Patna Zonal office has conducted search operation at 05 locations in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata on 10.09.2024, 11.09.2024 and 12.09.2024 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with the money laundering case against Sanjeev Hans, IAS and others. The searches were carried out at locations of close associates of Sanjeev Hans, IAS for their involvement and assistance in money laundering activities.

Further investigation under PMLA revealed close association of a few private individuals with Sanjeev Hans with whom he had financial dealings. Therefore, search operations were conducted at 05 locations in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata on 10.09.2024, 11.09.2024 and 12.09.2024. During the course of search operations, unexplained cash of Rs. 87 Lakh, 13 kg Silver bullion worth Rs.11 Lakh (approx.) and 2 kg Gold bullion and jewellery worth Rs. 1.5 Crore (approx.) have been recovered and seized. In addition to the above, various incriminating evidence (physical/digital) containing details of hawala transactions/ banking transactions were also recovered and seized.

Further, it is pertinent to mention that earlier in this case searches were conducted by ED on 16.07.2024, 19.07.2024, 31.07.2024 and 23.08.2024 at various locations in Patna, Delhi, Pune, Haryana and Punjab, respectively, wherein various incriminating evidences (physical/digital) including Gold jewelry and luxury watches amounting to Rs. 80 Lakh and Rs. 70 Lakh respectively were found and seized from the premises of Sanjeev Hans.

Further investigation is under progress.