



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has conducted follow up search operations on 03.11.2023 at 26 locations including bank accounts in Jaipur & Dausa 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 official and residential premises of senior PHED officials including Subodh Agarwal, ACS (PHED) in addition to private individuals.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an 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 complaint alleging therein 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.

During the search operations, a total of Rs. **2.21 Crore** including unaccounted cash of Rs 48 lakh and Bank balance Rs.1.73 Crore, various incriminating documents including property documents, digital evidences, hard disks, mobiles etc. have been frozen/seized which reveal suspicious transactions involved in associated persons. . Total seizure in this case till date is **Rs. 11.03 Crore**, including gold/silver worth Rs. 6.50 Crore.

Further investigation is under progress.