



**Press Release**  
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Enforcement Directorate has provisionally attached assets having present market value of Rs. 7.48 Crore belonging to S. M. Basavaraju, Chief Engineer (Retd.), Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Bangalore under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA). The attached movable/immovable properties include balance amounts lying in bank accounts, 3.41 kg gold and diamond jewellery along with immovable properties situated in various locations in Bangalore and Mysore which includes 02 residential sites, 01 commercial complex and 06 residential flats.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Karnataka Lokayukta, Bangalore City Division, Bangalore under Section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. As per the Charge-sheet filed by Karnataka Lokayukta in the year 2018, S.M. Basavaraju had amassed wealth beyond his known sources of income and was in possession of disproportionate assets worth Rs. 4.45 Crore in excess to his known sources of income.

Money laundering investigation conducted by ED revealed that S.M. Basavaraju, had amassed wealth beyond his legitimate sources of income and purchased various movable/immovable properties in his name or as benami properties, in the name of his family members including his mother-in-law.

Further investigation is in progress.

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