

Enforcement Directorate has provisionally attached 02 Immovable properties worth Rs. **2.62 Crore** situated at Ranchi, Jharkhand belonging to Patliputra Builders Limited under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of the FIRs and Charge-sheet filed by Patna Police under the section of IPC, 1860 against Anil Kumar Singh, MD M/s Patliputra Builders Limited, Patna and others.

Anil Kumar @ Anil Kumar Singh, being the Managing Director of the M/s Patliputra Builder Limited and other companies, was involved in the commission of offences like cheating, fraud, dishonesty and grabbing of public money. As per FIR, Anil Kumar @ Anil Kumar Singh embezzled the amount of Rs. 5.82 Crore payable to the employees of "The Newspapers & Publications Ltd" and utilized the money for acquisition of properties in the name of his company Patliputra Builders Limited.

During the course of investigation Anil Kumar @ Anil Kumar Singh was non-cooperative and deliberately avoided the summons issued under PMLA. Nonappearance and non-submission of documents called for clearly shows his malafide intention. Enforcement Directorate arrested main suspect Anil Kumar @ Anil Kumar Singh on 07.09.2021 and the Ld. Special PMLA Court, Patna sent him to Judicial Custody.

Proceeds of crime generated in cash has been layered through acquisition of properties in the name of his company and use of banking channels in order to conceal the actual origin of tainted money.

Further investigation is in progress.