



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has issued a Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) involving movable /immovable assets of Sk Sahajhan, Sk Alomgir, Sekh Sumaia Hafizia Trust (represented by Sk Alomgir), Abdul Alim Molla, Shib Prasad Hazra and others. This PAO includes movable properties (17 bank accounts) to the tune of Rs. 3.78 Crore and 55 immovable properties [38.90 bighas] to the tune of Rs. 10.50 Crore, totalling an amount of Rs. 14.28 Crore under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in a Money Laundering case against **Sahajhan Seikh and others.**

ED initiated investigation on the basis of 13 FIRs registered by West Bengal Police under various sections of IPC Act, 1860 and Arms Act, 1959 against Sahajhan Sekh and others on the allegations that they have created an atmosphere of terror by indulging in organized crime of giving threats of injury, murder, attempt to murder, extortion etc. and also grabbed land of general public and also obtained illegal monetary gains / benefits.

ED investigation revealed that Sk Sahajhan had created a criminal empire revolving around land grabbing, illegal fish farming/trading, grabbing brick fields, cartelization of contracts, collection of illegal taxes/levies, commission on land deals etc.

During investigations statements of various persons including local farmers, tribals, fish merchants, agents, exporters, landowners, contractors etc have been recorded under Section 50 of PMLA 2002. Also, searches were conducted under section 17 of PMLA wherein 3 cars i.e a Thar, Scorpio- New and Mahindra Jeep belonging to Sk Sahajhan, and his brother Sk Alomgir were seized.

Earlier, ED had attached movable and immovable properties of Sk Sahajhan to tune of Rs. 12.78 Crore vide PAO dated 05.03.2024. Rs 27 Crore has been provisionally attached out of total POC Rs. 288.20 Crore allegedly derived and obtained by said persons from criminal activities, as revealed during the investigation conducted under PMLA, 2002.

Four persons namely Sk Sahajhan, his brother Sk Alomgir and his two accomplices Shib Prasad Hazra and Didar Boksh Molla were arrested by ED and all of these 4 persons are presently in judicial custody.

Further investigation is under progress.