



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has filed 1st Supplementary Prosecution Complaint against Santanu Sinha Biswas, Ex-DCP, Kolkata Police under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Ld. Chief Judge, City Sessions Court, Kolkata on 10.07.2026 in connection with a money laundering investigation relating to Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu & others. Earlier in this case, Santanu Sinha Biswas was arrested under section 19(1) of PMLA, 2002 on 14.05.2026 and sent to ED custody for 14 days. Currently, Santanu Sinha Biswas is under judicial custody.

ED initiated investigation against Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu and others on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by West Bengal Police/ Kolkata Police under various sections of the IPC, 1860, the Arms Act, 1959, etc. for his involvement in rioting, attempt to murder, criminal conspiracy and Arms Act violations. The accused persons including Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu were engaged in organized criminal syndicate activities in the state of West Bengal and generated huge funds illegally by way of syndicate operations.

Investigation under PMLA, 2002 revealed that Santanu Sinha Biswas utilized Jay S. Kamdar as a highly influential proxy and intermediary, who helped manage transfer and posting offers on his behalf and enjoyed massive clout within the police establishment through his association with him. Santanu Sinha Biswas actively interfered in police investigations thereby exerting influence in the matters of law enforcement. Investigation under PMLA established that Santanu Sinha Biswas was also enriching himself and his family members by getting expensive gifts from Jay Kamdar & his family in lieu of extending him illegal help in police matters including but not limited to FIRs.

Further, investigation revealed that Santanu Sinha Biswas undertook expensive construction and renovation of the property situated at Kandi Murshidabad infused Proceeds of Crime for the same. ED Investigation also unearthed residential properties located in and around Kolkata, acquired in name of certain individuals or companies, which are ultimately beneficially owned by Santanu Sinha Biswas and his family members. Investigation under PMLA has unearthed that Santanu Sinha Biswas, Ex-DCP, directly or indirectly derived monetary benefits aggregating at least Rs. 2.89 Crore from criminal activities related to scheduled offence.

Earlier, ED had conducted searches at multiple premises on 01.04.2026, 19.04.2026 and 26.04.2026 in Kolkata & nearby places, including the residential premises of Santanu Sinha Biswas, Ex-Deputy Commissioner of Police, Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu, Jay S. Kamdar, etc. and seized incriminating documents. In this case, ED had also arrested Jay Kamdar on 19.04.2026, Santanu Sinha Biswas on 14.05.2026 and Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu on 19.05.2026 under section 19(1) of PMLA, 2002. Earlier ED filed a Prosecution Complaint against Jay S. Kamdar on 17.06.2025.

Further investigation is under progress.