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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office-II has provisionally attached immovable properties worth Rs. 2.78 Crore of Santanu Sinha Biswas, Ex-DCP, Kolkata Police and his family members / associates in the case of Sona Pappu & Others, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. The attached properties include 3 flats located in Kolkata and land at Kandi, Murshidabad as Proceeds of Crime under PMLA 2002.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by West Bengal Police against Sona Pappu and others involving complaints of murder, extortion, land-grabbing, etc. Earlier, ED had conducted searches at multiple premises on 01.04.2026, 19.04.2026, 26.04.2026 and 22.05.2026 in Kolkata & nearby places including the residential premises of Santanu Sinha Biswas, Ex-Deputy Commissioner of Police, Jay S. Kamdar, Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu and others which led to seizure of cash amounting to Rs. 1.64 crore, gold jewelry, one Toyota Fortuner car and one unlicensed Gun *(Revolver)* along with a number of incriminating documents and digital devices. Subsequently, ED had also arrested Jay S. Kamdar, Santanu Sinha Biswas and Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu under section 19(1) of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the case and all three persons are currently under judicial custody.

ED investigation has revealed that Proceeds of Crime were generated through illegal activities including extortion, grabbing of real estate properties, unauthorized building construction through entities controlled by Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu, Jay S. Kamdar and associates.

Santanu Sinha Biswas worked as the Officer-in-Charge of Kalighat Police Station and later as the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Kolkata Police and during his tenure as Officer-in-Charge, he developed a close association with Jay S. Kamdar, and assisted him in his illegal activities. Jay S. Kamdar enjoyed massive clout within the police establishment through his association with Santanu Sinha Biswas. Santanu Sinha Biswas directly and indirectly acquired, concealed and possessed proceeds of crime to the tune of at least Rs. 2.89 crore.

Further investigation has revealed that a deliberate attempt on the part of Santanu Sinha Biswas to distance himself from the assets and financial benefits acquired through his influence by placing such assets in the names of companies, family members and associated persons. In particular, the two flats at Hossenpur, Kolkata were unearthed to be purchased in the name of a company despite being acquired at the instance and for the benefit of Santanu Sinha Biswas, Ex-DCP, which shows an attempt to conceal the true beneficial ownership and nature of the proceeds of crime.

During investigation in the case, a Main Prosecution Complaint was filed on 17.06.2026 against Jay S. Kamdar, thereafter 1st Supplementary Prosecution Complaint was filed on 10.07.2026 against Santanu Sinha Biswas, and the 2nd Supplementary Prosecution Complaint has been filed against Biswajit Podder alias Sona Pappu on 17.07.2026.

Further investigation is under progress.