



**Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bhopal Zonal Office has provisionally attached movable and immovable properties worth approximately Rs. 18.20 Crore belonging to Dharmendra Singh Bhadauria, former District Excise Officer, Alirajpur, and his family members under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Special Police Establishment (SPE), Lokayukta, Indore under Section 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018) against Dharmendra Singh Bhadauria for possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

Investigation revealed that during the check period from 1987 to 31.08.2025, Dharmendra Singh Bhadauria amassed assets grossly disproportionate to his known sources of income. Against a lawful income of approximately Rs. 2 Crore, he and his family members were found to have acquired assets and incurred expenditure amounting to approximately Rs. 11.18 Crore, resulting in disproportionate assets of approximately Rs. 9.18 Crore, i.e., about 459% in excess of his known lawful income.

During investigation, it was found that searches conducted by the predicate agency at multiple premises and bank lockers linked to Dharmendra Singh Bhadauria and his family members resulted in recovery and seizure of substantial cash, gold jewellery, bullion, silver articles and other valuables. Investigation under PMLA further revealed that Dharmendra Singh Bhadauria admitted ownership of the seized cash and jewellery. However, he failed to furnish any credible explanation, justified source or supporting documentary evidence regarding the acquisition of the said assets.

Further investigation revealed that the Dharmendra Singh Bhadauria and his family members were found to be in possession of high-value movable and immovable assets acquired during the check period. The source of funds utilised for acquisition of these assets could not be satisfactorily explained and was found to be disproportionate to the known lawful income of the family.

During the PMLA investigation, disproportionate assets to the tune of Rs 18.20 were found, and the information regarding the same is being shared with SPE, Lokayukta u/s 66(2) of PMLA . Accordingly, ED has provisionally attached movable and immovable properties worth approximately Rs. 18.20 Crore, including cash, jewellery, precious metals and immovable assets, being Proceeds of Crime and/or value thereof under Section 5(1) of the PMLA, 2002, to prevent their concealment, transfer or disposal and to secure confiscation proceedings.

Further investigation is under progress.