



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has arrested Jay S. Kamdar on 19.04.2026 under section 19(1) of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with a money laundering investigation relating to Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu & others. He was produced before the Hon'ble Special Court, Bichar Bhavan, Kolkata on 20.04.2026 which granted 9 days' custody to ED for further investigation. Further, ED also conducted searches at 6 premises in Kolkata & Barrackpore including the residential premises of Santanu Sinha Biswas, Deputy Commissioner of Police and Jay S. Kamdar on 19.04.2026 and seized incriminating documents.

Investigation revealed that Jay S Kamdar was in close contact with Sona Pappu and having huge financial transactions with him. He had also supplied firearms to Smt. Soma Sonar Poddar wife of Sona Pappu @ Biswajit Poddar; however, she has failed to disclose anything relating to the said purchase of the firearms from Jay S. Kamdar or his company. In addition to above, Jay S. Kamdar is revealed to be involved in extensive illegal international cross border and domestic Hawala transactions through many shell companies which are under further investigation.

Jay S Kamdar has been revealed to be in close contact with many police officials including Santanu Sinha Biswas and providing favours and expensive "Gifts" to such officers, including their family members. Investigation has also revealed that Jay S. Kamdar wielded considerable clout and influence among a section of police officers and misused it for getting favours and lodging of complaints against unsuspecting individuals in land related matters. The documents & digital evidence seized show that Jay S Kamdar and his associates have been habitually engaging in a systematic and premeditated course of conduct with the intention to unlawfully acquire valuable immovable properties from lawful owners.

ED had earlier conducted searches in this case on 01.04.2026 wherein cash amounting to **Rs. 1.47 Crore** (*approx.*) and gold jewellery & silver valued at Rs. 67.64 Lakh (*approx.*), one Fortuner vehicle and one unlicensed Gun (Revolver) along with a number of incriminating documents and digital devices were seized. Several immovable properties in the form of land, buildings, etc. were also identified, which appear to have been obtained through criminal activities.

ED's investigation under PMLA has so far 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 and his associates.

Further investigation is under progress.