



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 01/04/2026 at 8 premises across Kolkata in West Bengal in a case linked to Biswajit Podder alias Sona Pappu, Jay S. Kamdar and others. During the search, cash amounting to **Rs. 1.47 Crore** (*approx.*) and gold jewellery & silver valued at Rs. 67.64 Lakh (*approx.*) along with a number of incriminating documents and digital devices have been seized. Several immovable properties in the form of land, buildings, etc. have been identified, which appear to have been obtained through criminal activities.

One Fortuner vehicle revealed to be used by Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu was also seized during the search. Further, a Gun (Revolver) having “Made in USA” written was also recovered from the residential premises of Biswajit Podder on Fern Road, Kolkata and the same was handed over to the West Bengal Police Department as part of ED’s contribution towards ensuring **free, fair and fear-less elections** for West Bengal Legislative Assembly 2026.

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** and **the Arms Act, 1959** 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. Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu is also wanted by Police in a case of violence in Kankulia road near Golpark of Kolkata and is currently on the run. ED has also issued summons to Sona Pappu however, he has failed to join the investigation so far.

ED 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.

