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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Cochin Zonal Office has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) on 06.03.2025 before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), at Ernakulam ED/CBI Court CBI-1 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 against Saji, the John then village assistant (Kerala state Revenue Department) and his wife Smt. Bindhu Saji. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the PC on the same day i.e. 06.03.2025.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau (VACB), Special Cell, Ernakulam against Saji John for offences under 13(1)(e) r/w 13(2) of PC Act, 1988.

ED investigation revealed that Saji John had indulged in criminal misconduct as a Public Servant and by commission of scheduled offence, he acquired disproportionate assets in his name and in the name of his wife Smt. Bindhu Saji in the form of movable and immovable properties which are nothing but Proceeds of Crime (PC). Saji John being a public servant during the period from 01.01.2000 to 17.01.2014, had acquired assets worth Rs. 1.43 Crore (approx.) disproportionate to his known sources of income. The same POC was identified and provisionally attached vide PAO dated 05.06.2024 under PMLA, 2002.