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Enforcement Directorate has carried out search operation at the residential premise of Shri Abhay Kant Pathak under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. Shri Abhay Kant Pathak is an ex-IFoS (Indian Forest Service) officer who was posted as Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in the state of Odisha when the state Vigilance Unit booked a case of disproportionate assets against him. He has been compulsorily retired by the Government of India. During the searches, incriminating documents have been seized. A Tata Harrier car having a value of Rs 15 Lakhs has also been seized.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the State Vigilance Cell of Odisha against Abhay Kant Pathak. In the FIR, it was alleged that Abhay Kant Pathak misused his official position and amassed ill-gotten wealth to an extent of Rs. 9.35 Crores.

Further Investigation is under progress.

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