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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Patna Zonal Office has provisionally attached ten (10) immovable and movable properties of various medical item suppliers, collectively worth Rs. 3.01 Crore (approx.) situated at Greater Noida (UP) & Patna and Darbhanga Districts of Bihar under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in a money laundering case pertaining to various suppliers, who supplied medicine, reagents, machines, equipment at exorbitantly higher rates and in much higher quantities to Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH) in connivance with officials of PMCH.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR and Charge-sheet filed before Hon'ble Special Vigilance Court, Patna under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, against O. P. Choudhary (then Superintendent of PMCH) & Others. During the period 2008-09 & 2009-10, the officials of PMCH in connivance with various suppliers purchased Medicines, Chemical Reagent, Machines, Medical equipment at higher rates and in much higher quantities than the required quantities which resulted in loss to the Government revenue to the tune of Rs.12.63 Crore (approx.).

Earlier, in the instant case, Movable/immovable properties to the tune of Rs 3.14 Crore (approx.) in the name of Om Prakash Chaudhury, Vinod Kumar Singh, Ganesh Prasad Singh, Amit Kr. Dhandhania and Bimal Dalmia and their family members which represented Proceeds of Crime (POC), were attached vide Provisional Attachment Order dated 05.11.2020 which was confirmed by the Ld Adjudicating Authority, PMLA, New Delhi vide order dated 30.04.2021. Prosecution Complaint No. 02/2022 dated 28.04.2022 was also filed before the Special Court (PMLA), Patna and the Hon'ble Court was pleased to take cognizance of the offence of money laundering

During the course of further investigation, proceeds accrued to the suppliers on account of supply of Medicines, Chemical Reagent, Machines, Medical equipment etc at exorbitantly higher rates and higher quantities in connivance with officials of PMCH, has been identified to the tune of **Rs. 3.01 Crore (approx.)** and the same has been attached under the provisions of PMLA, 2002.

Further investigation is under progress.