



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Ranchi Zonal Office has arrested Pramod Kumar Singh on 18.02.2025 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with the misappropriation of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) funds and accumulation of disproportionate assets.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by ACB, Dhanbad, under various sections of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and IPC, 1860 against Pramod Kumar Singh and others. Pramod Kumar Singh was employed as a Block Account Manager on a contractual basis at Primary Health Centre (PHC), Jharia cum Jodapokhar, Dhanbad.

ED investigation revealed that Pramod Kumar Singh, in collusion with Late Shashi Bhushan Prasad, Medical Officer-In-Charge, misused their official positions to misappropriate government funds amounting to Rs. 9.39 Crore (approx.) allocated under NRHM to PHC Jharia cum Jodapokhar by the District Health Society. The funds were illegally transferred from two official PHC bank accounts and one bank account of the PHC Management Society into personal bank accounts of Pramod Kumar Singh, his family members, and associates. ED investigation further revealed that Pramod Kumar Singh acquired multiple movable and immovable properties in his own name, as well as in the name of his wife, Priya Singh, and associates, using the proceeds of crime, thereby concealing and projecting them as untainted assets.

Earlier, the ED conducted six search operations and one survey, leading to the seizure of incriminating evidence. During the searches, four high-end luxury vehicles and cash amounting to Rs. 2.17 Lakh were recovered from the residential premises of Pramod Kumar Singh, along with the freezing of bank account balances totaling Rs. 4 lakh. Additionally, immovable assets worth Rs. 1.63 Crore (approx.) belonging to Priya Singh, wife of Pramod Kumar Singh, were provisionally attached on 30.08.2024 in Jharkhand.

Further investigation is under progress.