



**Press Release**  
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Directorate of Enforcement has carried out a search in the case of Abhay Kant Pathak (the erstwhile Indian Forest Service (IFoS), 1987 batch of Odisha cadre, who was working in the capacity of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Plan, Programme and Afforestation, Govt. of Odisha during the relevant period) and seized a BMW-620D GT (Luxury Car, worth Rs 74.22 lakhs) bearing Registration No. OD-07-AG-7272 under the provisions of PMLA, 2002. During investigation being conducted under PMLA, 2002, it was revealed that Akash Kumar Pathak, S/o Abhay Kant Pathak had surreptitiously attempted to sell the said BMW Car to a person resident of Belagaavi, Karnataka who was a dealer of Old Cars, working in Mumbai.

ED had initiated investigation under the PMLA, 2002, on the basis of FIR registered by the Vigilance Cell PS, Cuttack, Odisha for disproportionate assets (DA) amounting to Rs. 9,35,42,594/- by Abhay Kant Pathak & his family members. It was further revealed that seven other FIRs and chargesheets as registered by Odisha Police involving Akash Kumar Pathak S/o Abhay Kant Pathak and Abhay Kant Pathak, whereunder they have been charged for duping the gullible people in the name of providing jobs in Tata Motors.

ED had earlier carried out search operation on 03.12.2021 under PMLA, 2002 at the Residence of Abhay Kant Pathak situated at Flat No. 101, Viswanath Villa, Vivekananda Marg, Bhubaneswar which resulted into seizure of a Tata Harrier car worth Rs 15 Lakhs alongwith various incriminating documents/evidences (which was confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority). Subsequently, the ED has also issued a Provisional Attachment Order against Abhay Kant Pathak and others wherein identified properties worth Rs. 29.83 Lakhs belonging to them were attached (Provisional Attachment Order was confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority under PMLA).

Further investigation into the case is under progress.