



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has arrested Ashwani Kumar alias Ashwani Sharma under the Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002 on 02.08.2023 in the case of Haryana Public Service Commission (HPSC) Recruitment Fraud. He was produced before Hon'ble Special PMLA Court, Panchkula on 03.08.2023. The Hon'ble Court has granted ED custody for 5 days.

ED initiated money laundering investigation under PMLA, 2002 on the basis of FIR registered by Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Haryana on 17.11.2021 and chargesheet filed in this matter subsequently under various sections of Indian Penal Code and Prevention of Corruption Act.

Ashwani Sharma was instrumental in getting candidates selected fraudulently in various examination of HPSC including Haryana Dental Surgeon Examination and Haryana Civil Services (HCS)-pre-examination in lieu of bribes through middlemen. He used to fill in the circles left blank in the original copies as well as the carbon copies of the OMR sheets of the candidates from whom bribes were taken for getting them fraudulently qualified in the said exams.

ED investigation revealed that Ashwani Kumar is a Director and controller of M/s Paru Data Solutions Pvt. Ltd which was handling scanning work of the Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) sheets of the candidates who appeared for the above-mentioned exams of HPSC. Further, he has resorted to withholding of relevant information and misleading the investigation. The detail of immovable property was unearthed during the course of PMLA investigation.

Earlier, movable properties worth Rs. 3.29 Crore were attached in this case by ED.

Further investigation is under progress.
