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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 02.07.2025 under the provisions of Provisions of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at various locations in Kolkata and at Burddhwan related to extortion cases. Information was gathered that one S K Jinnar Ali is the mastermind in such extortion cases. He has been arrested and remanded to ED custody till 16.07.2025.

ED initiated investigation based on the FIR registered by Bidhannagar South Police Station, Kolkata against the accused persons. The accused persons were involved in a criminal conspiracy to extort money from businessmen by portraying themselves as officers of ED. The modus involves identifying certain businessmen and targeting them to extort money. Such businessmen would be contacted by the accused persons over phone. The accused persons also summoned the businessmen to appear in front of the Police Commissionerate Office, Bidhannagar, under the pretense of an official inquiry which, in reality, does not exist. To create an illusion of legitimacy, the accused individuals would arrive in a Toyota Fortuner, which displayed an ED insignia. Under continuous threats of office raids, property seizure, and arrest, one of the businessman was coerced to pay a total of Rs. 1.30 Crore in cash and Rs. 20 Lakh in the bank account of the accused person. Further investigation revealed that Jinnar Ali was also involved in cheating money from other victims by false assurances of helping in ongoing investigation cases. In one such instance, he extorted Rs.1.5 Crore from victim.

The searches resulted in the seizure of two vehicles being Honda Amaze and Hyundai Aura owned in the name of Jinnar Ali and his wife. The amount to the tune of **Rs. 45.89 Lakh** lying in the bank accounts held in his name, his wife's name and in the name of company M/s Sparklink Management Service Private Limited have also been frozen.

During the course of searches, several incriminating documents, items, and digital evidences were seized. Among the seized materials were forged letters purportedly issued by the Enforcement Directorate and other government authorities bearing fabricated seals and forged signatures. Also, multiple lanyards printed with "Government of India भारत सरकार" were recovered from his residence. A letterhead of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, bearing the name of Dr. S.K. Jinnar Ali and embossed with the Ashoka Emblem (State Emblem of India) was also seized.

Investigation also revealed that Jinnar Ali projects himself as chairman of an organization, The National Anti-Trafficking Committee (NATC). On its website he claims that it is a national organization established in 1962 and registered under NITI Aayog, vide no. WB/2018/0203440 Government of India. The website https://natcgov.in/ is designed to resemble an official government domain, thereby misleading the public into believing it is a legitimate government website.

The public is advised not to fall prey to fraudsters impersonating Enforcement Directorate or other government agencies. Any summons issued by the ED can be verified through the official website at https://enforcementdirectorate.gov.in/ under the "VERIFY YOUR SUMMONS" tab.

Further investigation is under progress.

(Screenshots of some of the aforesaid material/items are enclosed herewith

