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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has conducted extensive searches on 07.11.2025 in connection with investigation into an organized immoral trafficking racket operating primarily through bar-cum-restaurants and dance bars in the state of West Bengal. The investigation has revealed that the accused persons are involved in exploitation of vulnerable women through false promises of employment and coercion into prostitution and thereby generating substantial illicit Proceeds of Crime.

The accused persons identified as part of this racket include Jagjit Singh, Ajmal Siddiqui, Bishnu Mundra and their associates. ED initiated investigation based upon multiple FIRs registered under various sections of the IPC, 1860, Arms Act, 1959 and Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1986 which constitute scheduled offences under PMLA, 2002 and charge sheets filed by the West Bengal Police, against various accused persons including Jagjit Singh, Ajmal Siddiqui, Bishnu Mundra and others.

ED investigation revealed that an organized trafficking and prostitution racket is being operated by the above-named persons primarily through bar-cum-restaurants owned or controlled by them. The accused persons exploit vulnerable women under false employment promises and coerce them into prostitution for generating substantial POC. These illicit funds, acquired in cash (amounting to several crores) are being laundered through multiple companies under their control.

During the searches, cash worth over **Rs. 1.01 Crore** and digital devices have been seized along with various property documents. A number of bank account details under use and operation of the accused/ suspect persons have been identified. Two high-end luxury vehicles, including a Land Rover Defender and a Jaguar, have also been frozen under the provisions of PMLA.

Further investigation is under progress.



Plastic notes being used as currency for payments linked to the immoral trafficking activities were also recovered from dance bar premises.

