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Enforcement Directorate has filed a Prosecution Complaint under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Hon'ble Special Judge (PMLA), Patna in a money laundering case against i) Dadan Singh @ Yadav @ Pehalwan , ex-minister, Bihar, ii) Usha Yadav, W/o Dadan Singh, iii) Kartar Singh Yadav, S/o Dadan Singh and iv) Dinesh Kumar, Chartered Accountant with a prayer for awarding punishment to the accused for committing offence of money laundering and confiscation of the attached assets worth Rs. 67,99,374/- in the form of movable and immovable properties in the name of Dadan Singh and his family members. The cognizance has been taken by the Hon'ble Court, in this matter on 14/12/2021.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of 05 FIRs lodged at various Police Stations of Bihar & Uttar Pradesh against Dadan Singh & Others under the sections of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Arms Act, 1959 for the crime related to attempt to murder, Criminal Conspiracy, cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property, forgery, use of Arms and Ammunition etc in Bihar & Uttar Pradesh. Dadan Singh @ Yadav @ Pehalwan is a habitual offender. In some cases, his wife Usha Devi and son Kartar Singh Yadav are also co-accused.

Investigation under PMLA, 2002 has revealed that the money so generated was utilized for transfers into the bank accounts of the accused and his family members, which was further utilized for acquisition of movable and immovable assets. The elaborate and complex web of transaction was structured by showing the same as genuine business transactions to project these assets as untainted, however, no such business or operative companies were found to be run by Dadan Singh and his family members.

Further investigation is under progress.
