



Press Release

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Enforcement Directorate, on 30.09.2021, has taken possession of 15 immovable properties worth Rs. 1.31 Crore belonging to Sanjay Pratap Singh, his wife, Kiran Devi and his associate, Srikumar Singh in a case of illegal trade of liquor. The immovable properties are in the form of an under-construction building, a Brick kiln and 13 plots.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR dated 07.12.2012 and Charge-sheet dated 04/02/2013 filed by Nawada Police (Bihar Police) against Sanjay Pratap Singh and others under the provisions of Indian Penal Code, 1860. The FIR was registered consequent to the hooch tragedy, in which 21 people died in Ara, Nawada of Bhojpur district, Bihar by consuming poisonous alcohol. Police investigation revealed that the deceased persons had consumed spurious liquor which was manufactured and sold by Sanjay Pratap Singh and his associates illegally.

Hon'ble First ASJ, Bhojpur, Ara vide judgement dated 24.07.2018, held 14 accused persons including Sanjay Pratap Singh, guilty of the offences under IPC, Excise Act and SC/ST Act and awarded sentence of life imprisonment with fine of Rs.25,000/- to each accused person.

Investigation under PMLA revealed that Sanjay Pratap Singh has invested the Proceeds of Crime generated through illegal trade of desi wine for acquiring immovable properties in his name and in the name of his wife, Kiran Devi, who had no independent source of income. In the year 2011, with intention to legalize his tainted income from desi wine, Sanjay Pratap Singh formed an unregistered firm namely Bhojpur Wine Traders to launder Proceeds of Crime. He was the key person in the firm, who solely managed the business affairs. Further investigation reveals that he used the Proceeds of Crime into the construction business namely Maa Construction where ill-gotten money has been used for acquisition of immovable property.

Further investigation is under progress
