



## **Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jalandhar Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 28.09.2026 at three locations in West Bengal and arrested Soheli Akthar @ Raju on 28.09.2026 from Kolkata, West Bengal under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in a case pertaining to Digital Arrest of S.P. Oswal. The Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta permitted transit remand of Soheli Akthar @ Raju on 28.09.2026 to produce him before Hon'ble Special PMLA Court, Jalandhar. The Hon'ble Additional District and Sessions Judge, Jalandhar remanded him to ED custody for 07 days till 06.10.2026.

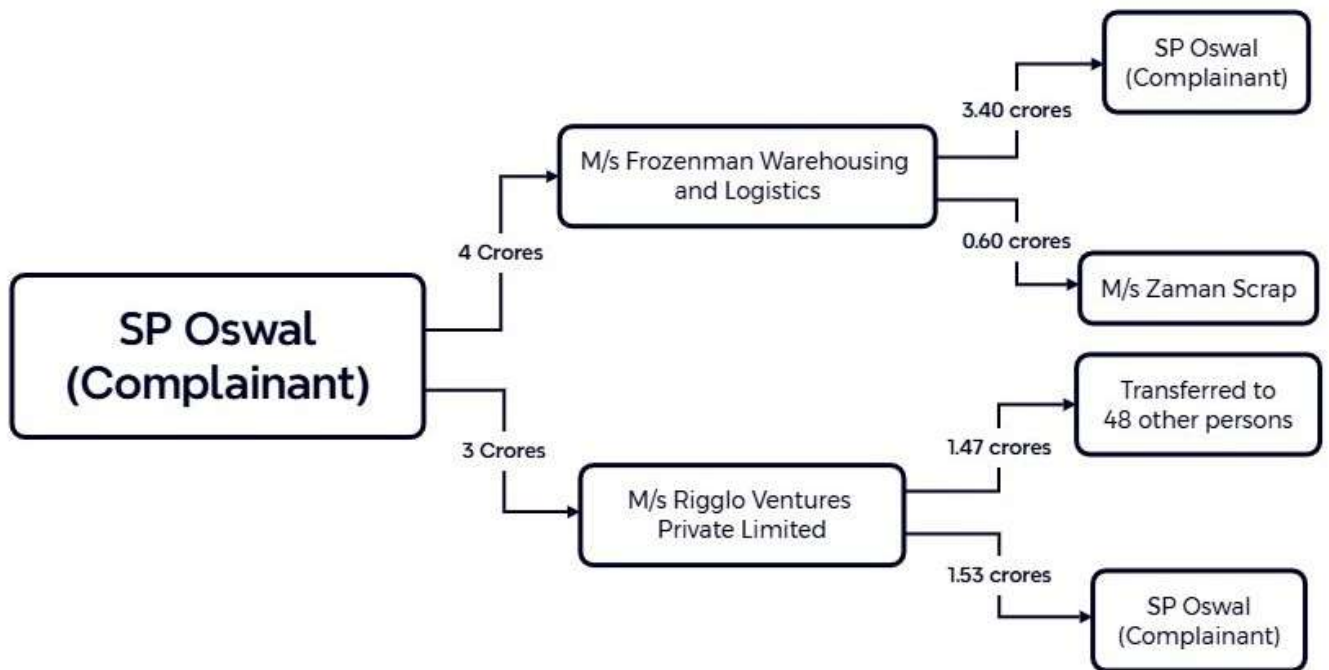
ED investigation was initiated on the basis of FIR registered by Cyber Crime Police Station Ludhiana under BNSS, 2023. Nine additional FIRs related to cybercrime of digital arrest involving the same group were also included in the investigation.

ED investigation revealed that during the Digital Arrest of S P Oswal, the fraudsters impersonating as officers of the Central Bureau of Investigation and judiciary, extorted Rs. 7 Crore from him. Proceeds of Crime were initially credited in the bank accounts of M/s Rigglo Ventures Private Limited and M/s Frozenman Warehousing & Logistics. Bank accounts of M/s Frozenman Warehousing and Logistics was controlled by accused Rumi Kalita of Guwahati and Arpit Rathore of Kanpur. An APK application 'AMMFORWARD' was used by the accused for speedy routing of Proceeds of Crime. Arpit Rathore had provided various mule bank accounts to persons belonging to Cambodia, Vietnam etc. and he received commission in the form of virtual digital assets (Crypto-Currency) in his Binance account. Rumi Kalita and Arpit Rathore were arrested on 23.12.2025 and 31.12.2025 respectively.

Further investigation has revealed that bank accounts of M/s Rigglo Ventures Private Limited were controlled and operated by Soheli Akthar @ Raju who is the principal handler involved in recruitment of individuals for arranging mule bank accounts of individuals and entities. It was found that mobile phones having pre-downloaded APK files were used to insert Sim cards linked to bank account of M/s Rigglo Ventures Private Limited and other entities. The APK files were thereafter activated on these mobile phones, enabling their foreign (Nepal) based associates to access OTPs and other SMS messages on their respective mobile devices. This arrangement facilitated the expeditious routing of Proceeds of Crime through the said bank accounts. Soheli Akthar @ Raju had provided various mule bank accounts to foreign based Individuals and received commission in the form of Virtual Digital Assets (Crypto-Currency) to his Binance account or to the Binance accounts of his associates.

The Proceeds of Crime were subsequently transferred to multiple mule bank accounts in a systematic manner, thereby facilitating the diversion and concealment of the proceeds of cyber-crime. The downstream accounts were utilised for other cyber-crimes and accommodation entries. Proceeds of Crime in multiple crores flowing into these accounts involving various crimes was further layered through shell entities and remitted outside India by adopting trade-based money laundering mechanisms.

Balance Proceeds of Crime were transferred to various mule bank accounts in small amounts in the range of Rs.2 to 5 Lakh and cash was immediately withdrawn from these bank accounts. The cash were utilized for acquisition of virtual digital assets and these virtual digital assets have been credited in the accounts of foreign nationals after retaining commission. These mule accounts were opened by inducing economically vulnerable individuals with false promises of arranging loans or providing employment. The flow chart depicting transfer of Proceeds of Crime is as follows:



ED investigation has also revealed the use of end to end encrypted Private Mobile messaging Applications to share mule bank account details with foreign based associates.

ED investigation conducted so far led to Arrest of three individuals namely Soheli Akhtar @Raju on 28.09.2026, Rumi Kalita on 23.12.2025 and Arpit Rathore on 31.12.2025, issuance of Provisional Attachment Order on 14.02.2026 of Rs. 1.76 Crores and filing of Prosecution Complaint on 19.02.2026 against Ms. Rumi Kalita, Arpit Rathore, Anand Chaudhary, Atanu Chaudhary and his firm M/s Frozenman Warehousing & Logistics.

Further investigation is under progress.

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