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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bhopal Zonal Office has provisionally attached immovable properties valued at Rs. 3.38 Crore (approx.) belonging to Santosh Paul, Regional Transport Officer (RTO), and Smt. Rekha Paul, Senior Clerk in the Transport Department of Madhya Pradesh under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation based on FIR registered by Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Bhopal under Sections 13(1)(b) and 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended), for accumulating assets disproportionate to their known sources of income. During the investigation, it was revealed that these public servants had acquired movable and immovable assets significantly exceeding their lawful income during the check period.

ED investigation revealed that, with a verified lawful income of Rs. 73.26 Lakh, Santosh Paul and Smt. Rekha Paul had accumulated assets and made expenditures of approximately Rs. 4.80 Crore. This resulted in disproportionate assets amounting to around Rs. 4.06 Crore. Further examination uncovered structured and repeated cash deposits in their bank accounts just before loan EMI payments, suggesting the placement and integration of unaccounted cash into the banking system.

The attached properties include residential houses, residential plots, agricultural lands, and commercial shops located in the Jabalpur district, which have been provisionally attached as Proceeds of Crime.