**PRESS RELEASE**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bhopal Zonal Office has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) against Ashok Kumar Soni under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Bhopal on 04.02.2026. In this matter, the Hon'ble Court has issued notice for pre-cognizance hearing against the accused person.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of criminal case registered under various Sections of the IPC, 1860 and PC Act, 1988 against Ashok Kumar Soni, by CBI, ACB, Bhopal. Subsequently, chargesheet No. 16/2020 dated 15.12.2020 was also filed before the Court of Hon'ble Special Judge, CBI Cases, Bhopal

ED investigation revealed that Ashok Kumar Soni, while posted as Sub Post Master at Jirapur Sub Post Office, District Rajgarh (MP), abused his official position and during the period from December 2016 to May 2017, he created backdated and fake deposit entries in 138 Postal Savings Bank accounts using the *Sanchay Post software*, thereby artificially inflating the account balances without any actual cash deposits. After creation of the false balances and upon migration of the accounts from Sanchay Post to the Finacle system, he fraudulently withdrew a total amount of Rs.1,23,31,180 from the same accounts. Accordingly, Proceeds of Crime amounting to Rs. 1,23,31,180 were generated and obtained by him. Though, subsequently, Ashok Kumar Soni has repaid an amount of Rs. 1,24,44,800 in cash during November and December 2017.