Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement, Hyderabad Zonal Office, conducted search operations under Section 17 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 on 04.11.2026 at seven premises located at Hyderabad and Secunderabad in Telangana and in Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh, in the case relating to the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) Group-I Main Examination evaluation scam.

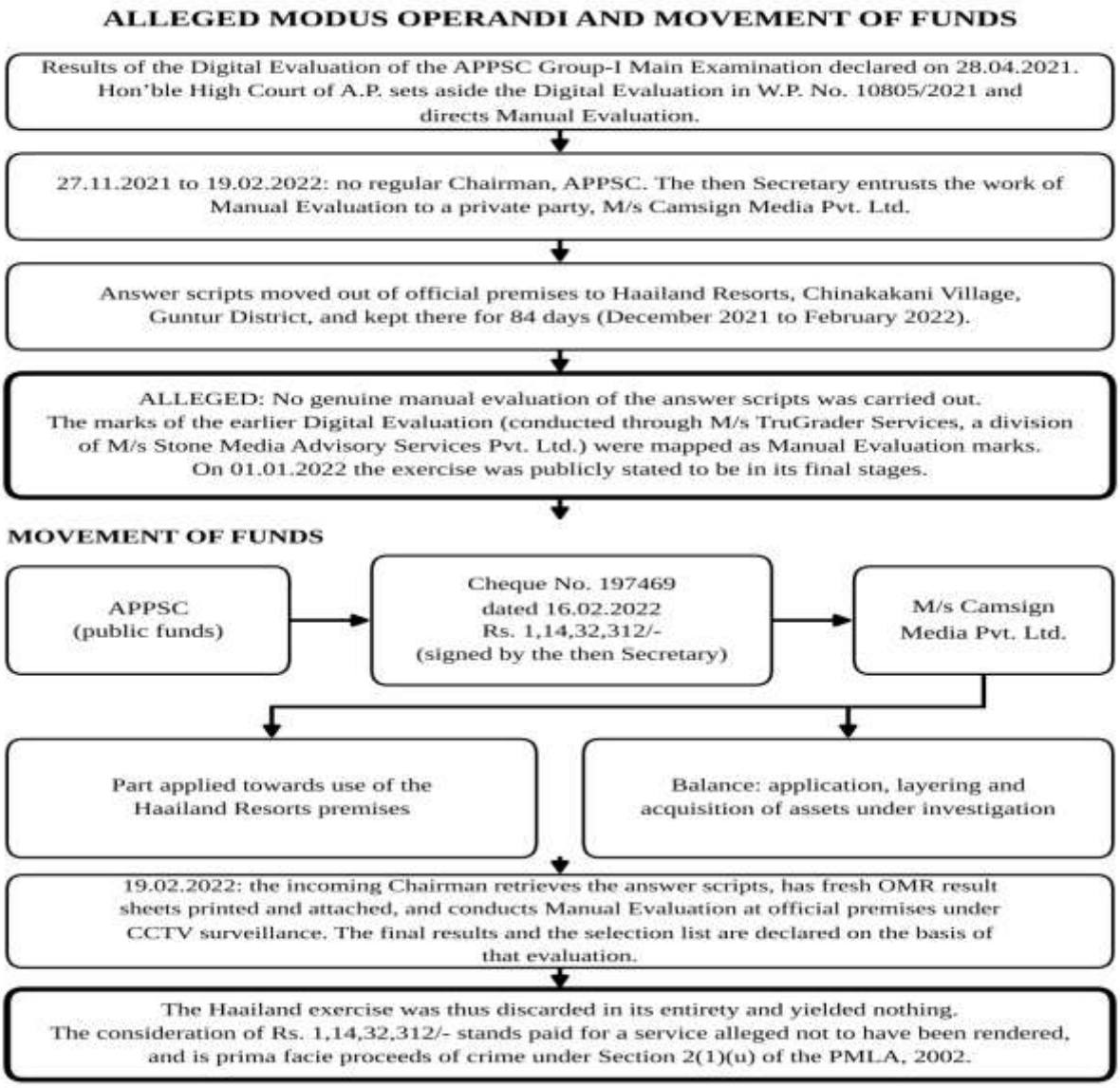
ED investigation initiated on the basis of FIR registered by the Suryaraopet Police Station, NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, *inter alia* under Sections 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, which are scheduled offences under the PMLA, 2002. The said FIR alleges irregularities in the manual evaluation of the answer scripts of the APPSC Group-I Main Examination, in the course of which an amount of Rs. 1,14,32,312/- is alleged to have been paid to a private party.

It is alleged that Pursuant to the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in W.P. No. 10805/2021 setting aside the Digital Evaluation of the answer scripts and directing Manual Evaluation, the work of Manual Evaluation was entrusted to M/s Camsign Media Pvt. Ltd. during the period from 27.11.2021 to 19.02.2022, when there was no regular Chairman, APPSC. The answer scripts were thereafter moved out of official premises to Haailand Resorts at Chinakakani Village, Guntur District, and kept there for 84 days between December 2021 and February 2022. It is alleged that no genuine manual evaluation of the answer scripts was in fact carried out, and that the marks of the earlier Digital Evaluation were instead mapped as Manual Evaluation marks. On 01.01.2022 the exercise was publicly stated to be in its final stages, and an amount of Rs. 1,14,32,312/- was released to the said private party vide Cheque No. 197469 dated 16.02.2022 signed by the then Secretary, APPSC. The said exercise was thereafter discarded in its entirety. The answer scripts were retrieved and re-evaluated at official premises under CCTV surveillance after 19.02.2022, and the final results and the selection list were declared on the basis of that subsequent evaluation. The consideration of Rs. 1,14,32,312/- thus stands paid for a service alleged not to have been rendered, and is prima facie proceeds of crime within the meaning of Section 2(1)(u) of the PMLA, 2002.

The search operations were conducted at the premises of P. Seetharamanjaneyulu, IPS, the then Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission; M/s Camsign Media Pvt. Ltd., the private party to which the work of manual evaluation was entrusted, and its Managing Director P. Madhusudhana Rao; M/s Aavasa Resort Haailand, Chinakakani Village, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh, being the premises at which the answer scripts were kept and the evaluation exercise was carried out; and M/s TruGrader Services, a division of M/s Stone Media Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd., which had conducted the earlier digital evaluation for APPSC, its Managing Director Akella Peri nivasa Rao, and Mahamkali Raghuram, who was engaged in connection with the evaluation work.

During the search operations, incriminating documents, digital devices and other records relating to the scam were found and seized. Statements of the accused persons, including that of P. Seetharamanjaneyulu, IPS, were recorded, and the property documents recovered during the search are under verification.

Further investigation is under progress.



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ED, Hyderabad has conducted search operations at 7 premises across Hyderabad, Secunderabad, and Guntur under PMLA, 2002 on 04.11.2026 in connection with APPSC Group-I Main Examination evaluation scam to unearth money laundering networks and gather crucial evidence. During the search action, various incriminating and valuable documents were seized.