PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Guwahati Zonal Office, has issued a Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA), attaching immovable properties worth **Rs. 55.33 Lakh approximately** belonging to **Mobzzil Hussain Barbhuiya**, proprietor of Shifa Hospital & Research Centre, Hailakandi, Assam, in a case related to large-scale fraud under the AB-PMJAY (Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana) scheme.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR No. 316/2022 dated 19.11.2022, registered by Hailakandi Police Station, Assam, and Chargesheet No. 37/2023 dated 28.02.2023, for offences under various Sections of Indian Penal Code, 1860, which are scheduled offences under PMLA, 2002.

ED investigation revealed that Shifa Hospital & Research Centre, Hailakandi, which was empanelled under the AB-PMJAY scheme, fraudulently raised 778 fake reimbursement claims amounting to Rs. 64,10,780/- during the period from 22.04.2019 to 05.11.2022 without providing any actual medical treatment to beneficiaries. The hospital was found to be non-existent at its declared address. The accused devised a systematic fraud whereby beneficiaries holding Ayushman Bharat cards were induced to visit a makeshift arrangement, photographed lying on hospital beds in exchange for a nominal payment of Rs. 300/-, and these staged photographs were uploaded on the Transaction Management System (TMS) portal to generate fraudulent claims for reimbursement of medical procedures that were never performed.

Against these fraudulent claims, a total of **Rs. 57.96 Lakh** was credited by the Atal Amrit Abhiyan Society (State Health Agency, Government of Assam) into the Bank of India account of Shifa Hospital & Research Centre. ED investigation established that these funds, constituting “Proceeds of Crime” under Section 2(1)(u) of the PMLA, 2002, were systematically siphoned off through cash withdrawals and UPI transfers.

ED investigation further revealed that the accused acquired five parcels of immovable property and undertook construction of two multi-storeyed buildings during and after the period of receipt of the fraudulent funds, without any demonstrable legitimate source of income.

Accordingly, ED has provisionally attached 6 Nos of immovable properties, including the five land parcels and 1 floor of a multi-storied building, total valued at **Rs. 55.33** Lakh (approx.), representing the value of the Proceeds of Crime.

Further investigation is under progress.