Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Visakhapatnam Sub-Zonal Office has provisionally attached movable/immovable assets valued at Rs. 1.09 Crore under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with an investigation regarding disproportionate assets acquired by Pasuparthy Pradeep Kumar, Ex-Additional Chief Urban Planner, Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority.

The attached properties are in the name of Pasuparthy Pradeep Kumar, his wife, his uncle and *benami*, Kona Simhadri in the form of residential flats, plots and bank balances.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Vijayawada and Chargesheet filed in the said FIR against Pasuparthy Pradeep Kumar u/s 13(1)(e) r/w 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 for possessing assets disproportionate to the known sources of his income. As per the said FIR & chargesheet, Pasuparthy Pradeep Kumar joined Government Service in the year 1984 and worked in various positions before being promoted as Joint Director and posted to Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority as Additional Chief Urban Planner in January, 2018. Pasuparthy Pradeep Kumar abused his official position during the offence period (July 2005 – January 2018) and acquired movable/immovable properties in his name and in the names of his family members / relatives and benamis from unknown sources of income. The DA amount calculated by ACB, Vijayawada, as mentioned in the chargesheet is Rs. 1.85 Crore approx.

ED investigation revealed that Pasuparthy Pradeep Kumar attempted to conceal his illicit income by depositing it in various accounts held in his name or in the names of his family members. The money earned via commission of scheduled offence was deposited in cash and was later used for the acquisition and possession of various movable or immovable properties and projected as untainted money. PMLA investigation revealed that the total proceeds of crime in the case is Rs. 2.94 Crore approx., which is more than the DA amount calculated by the predicate agency. Accordingly, properties worth Rs. 1.09 Crore, i.e. of the differential amount, have been attached during PMLA investigation.

Further investigation is under progress.