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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has provisionally attached immovable properties having a total value of approximately Rs. 57.78 Crore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with the **West Bengal Central School Service Commission (SSC) Assistant Teacher Recruitment Scam (Classes IX to XII)**. The attached properties belong to Jiban Krishna Saha, MLA; Prasanna Kumar Roy and others.

The attached properties consist of multiple residential apartments, villas and land parcels located at Rajarhat, New Town, Patharghata, Garagari and other adjoining areas in North 24 Parganas district, as well as Murshidabad and Purba Bardhaman districts, including HIDCO-developed areas of Kolkata. These properties were found to have been acquired out of the Proceeds of Crime generated through illegal appointments of Assistant Teachers in Classes IX to XII.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of the CBI FIRs which were registered on the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta. The investigation pertains to large-scale manipulation in the recruitment process conducted by the West Bengal Central School Service Commission, wherein OMR sheets and personality test scores were tampered with, and appointments were made after expiry of panels to accommodate undeserving candidates in lieu of illegal gratification.

ED investigation revealed that Prasanna Kumar Roy acted as the main middleman in the scam and, along with his associates, collected huge amounts of cash from undeserving candidates for securing illegal appointments. The Proceeds of Crime, amounting to hundreds of crores of rupees, were laundered through a complicated network of companies, LLPs and bank accounts, and were ultimately utilised for acquisition of immovable properties.

ED investigation revealed that Jiban Krishna Saha, MLA, TMC, a key accused in the Assistant Teacher recruitment scam, was actively involved in the collection and handling of Proceeds of Crime collected from undeserving candidates for securing their appointments to the post of Group C, D and Assistant Teachers. Jiban Krishna Saha was arrested on 25.08.2025 by ED following his attempt to run from the search premises at his home in Murshidabad. Investigation established that Proceeds of Crime so collected were utilised for acquisition of immovable properties in the name of Jiban Krishna Saha and his family members, primarily located in Murshidabad and Purba Bardhaman districts of West Bengal. These properties, valued at approximately Rs. 3.01 Crore, were found to be acquired out of the laundered proceeds generated through the illegal recruitment process.

Investigation also revealed that a large number of properties were acquired in the name of Smt. Nilima Mangal, a close associate/ ex-wife of Prasanna Kumar Roy. Investigation established that substantial funds used for acquisition of these properties were sourced from illegal recruitment scams.

Earlier, ED had arrested Prasanna Kumar Roy in this case and filed a Prosecution Complaint before the Hon'ble Special Court, which has taken cognizance of the offence of money laundering.

ED has earlier attached properties worth Rs. 247.2 Crore in the case of Group C & D staff SSC Recruitment Scam in the State of West Bengal. In SSC Assistant Teacher Recruitment Scam (9th to 12th), the ED has earlier attached properties worth Rs. 238.78 Crore. In another case of Primary Teachers Recruitment Scam in the State of West Bengal, ED has already attached/seized properties worth Rs. 154 Crore (approx.). Thus, the total attachment by ED Kolkata in the recruitment scam cases now stands at **Rs. 698 Crore**.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide its judgment dated 03.04.2025 in SLP (Civil) No. 9586 of 2024 in the matter of State of West Bengal vs. Baishakhi Bhattacharyya (Chatterjee) & Others, has quashed the appointments of more than 25,000 teachers and non-teaching staff, holding the entire recruitment process to be vitiated and tainted.

Further investigation is under progress.