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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has filed a Prosecution Complaint before the Ld. Chief Judge (PMLA), Kolkata against Sandip Ghosh, Ex-Principal, RG Kar Medical College and Hospital and 3 other accused entities, in money laundering case under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation based on FIR dated 24.08.2024 registered by CBI, ACB, Kolkata against Sandip Ghosh and other related contractors. Subsequently, chargesheet dated 29.11.2024 under various Sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, was filed which revealed that Sandip Ghosh, in abuse of his official position, dishonestly and fraudulently facilitated undue benefits to firms operating as a cartel under the control of co-accused persons i.e. Biplab Singha and Suman Hazra.

ED investigation revealed that the substantial amounts credited to accounts of the contractors received from the accounts of R G Kar College and Hospital were systematically diverted and siphoned off by colluding with contractors either by withdrawals through bearer cheques issued to their close associates or by transfers to associate firms and further withdrawn in cash, with the intent to conceal, disguise and project the Proceeds of Crime as untainted. It has further been revealed that the direct Proceeds of Crime have been intermingled with other funds, withdrawn in cash and routed through multiple layers of financial transactions. In lieu of extending such illegal favour and patronage, Sandip Ghosh received illegal gratification and pecuniary advantage from the said contractors, thereby securing undue advantage/pecuniary gain for himself and others through the award of contracts worth approximately Rs. 6.89 Crore.

Investigation further revealed that the income earned by Sandip Ghosh from private medical practice was meagre and grossly disproportionate to the large cash deposits in his bank accounts. The cash receipts, falsely projected as professional fees without rendering any medical services, constitute unaccounted gratification for awarding work orders to firms owned by Biplab Singha and Suman Hazra. These Proceeds of Crime were deposited into the accounts of Sandip Ghosh and his wife and layered through transfers to family members under the guise of gifts, thereby knowingly projecting the same as untainted money.

Previously, search operations were conducted under Section 17 of the PMLA, 2002, resulting in the seizure of incriminating documents and records. ED had identified and attached movable & immovable properties worth Rs. 52,38,651/- belonging to Sandip Ghosh.

Further investigation is under progress.