Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bhubaneswar Zonal Office, has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) under Sections 44 and 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA), before the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge, CBI-1 cum-Special Judge, PMLA,, Khurda at Bhubaneswar in a disproportionate assets case, against Rajendra Dash, Ex-Accounts Officer, Reamal Block, District Deogarh, Odisha, for the offence of money laundering under Section 3, punishable under Section 4 of the PMLA, 2002.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of FIR No. 17 dated 17.07.2023 registered by the Vigilance Police Station, Rourkela, against Rajendra Dash and his wife Smt. Suniti Dash, for offences under Section 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(b)/12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, relating to the possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. Vigilance P.S., Rourkela, subsequently filed Charge-sheet No. 20 dated 14.09.2023, wherein the disproportionate assets acquired by Rajendra Dash were ascertained at Rs.8.93 Crores (585%) for the relevant check period.

Investigation has revealed that Rajendra Dash, who joined Government service on 24.06.1995 as an Auditor in the Panchayati Raj Department of the Government of Odisha and was later promoted as Accounts Officer, being a public servant, misused his official position and acquired assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. Against assets of Rs.9.71 Crores acquired during the check period, his income during the same period was only Rs.1.53 Crores. The Proceeds of Crime so generated were utilised for acquiring/constructing immovable properties at Sambalpur, in his own name and in the name of his wife, which could not be explained from his lawful sources of income.

Further investigation has revealed that scrutiny of 14 bank accounts held in the names of Rajendra Dash and his family members showed cash deposits of Rs.1.05 Crores along with intra-/inter-account fund transfers, indicative of cash-based placement and layering. Out of this, cash of Rs.70.79 Lakhs (about 67%) was deposited in his two Bank of Baroda accounts during 02.04.2011 to 03.03.2017. Cash deposits of Rs.54.34 Lakhs made during 2011 to 2013 preceded the purchase of immovable properties.

Investigation has also revealed that Rajendra Dash projected and claimed the properties and funds as untainted by attributing them to rental income, Streedhan, LIC commission, tuition income and sale of paternal property, but failed to furnish any documentary evidence in support of such claims despite several opportunities.

ED had provisionally attached 05 immovable properties situated at Sambalpur, worth Rs.6.88 Crores (out of a total value of Rs.7.10 Crores, after excluding an outstanding housing loan liability of approx. Rs.22 Lakhs), standing in the names of Rajendra Dash and his wife, vide Provisional Attachment Order dated 23.03.2026, which has been confirmed by the Ld. Adjudicating Authority, PMLA, New Delhi, vide order dated 15.09.2026.

Accordingly, the investigation has established the involvement of Rajendra Dash in acquisition, possession and use of Proceeds of Crime to the tune of Rs.8.93 Crores (approx.) and projection of the same as untainted property.

Further investigation is under progress.