



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has arrested one Santanu Banerjee, in the Teacher Recruitment Scam of West Bengal. Santanu Banerjee was produced before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Calcutta on 11.03.2023 which remanded him to the ED custody till 24/3/2023.

Santanu Banerjee was acting as a conduit to facilitate the illegal qualification and appointments of primary teachers, Group 'C' & 'D' staff of schools of the government of West Bengal in lieu of money. Santanu Banerjee was in cahoots with Kuntal Ghosh, who is in judicial custody presently, for the said illegal activities. Santanu Banerjee has also purchased a number of properties in the name of his family members and companies/firms with the said proceeds of crime.

ED had earlier arrested Partha Chatterjee, MLA and the then Education Minister of West Bengal; Ms. Arpita Mukherjee, Manik Bhattacharya, MLA, TMC and the Ex-President of the West Bengal Board of Primary Education and Kuntal Ghosh in the Teachers Recruitment Scam in West Bengal. All the accused persons are currently in judicial custody.

ED has already seized cash amounting to a total of Rs. 49.80 Crore and gold & jewellery valued at more than Rs. 5.08 Crore and provisionally attached properties worth Rs. 48.22 Crore in the case. The total seizure and attachment stand at **Rs. 111 Crore** in the case so far.

Further Investigation is under progress.
