



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has arrested Manik Bhattacharya, MLA, TMC and the Ex- President of the West Bengal Board of Primary Education in the Teachers Recruitment Scam in West Bengal. Manik Bhattacharya was produced before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Calcutta on 11.10.2022 which remanded him to ED custody of 14 days till 25.10.2022.

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) had earlier arrested Partha Chatterjee, the then Minister, Government of West Bengal and his close associate Ms. Arpita Mukherjee on 23.07.2022. The ED has also filed a Prosecution Complaint against 8 accused persons namely (i) Partha Chatterjee (ii) Ms. Arpita Mukherjee (iii) M/s Echhay Entertainment Pvt Ltd (iv) M/s Ananta Texfab Pvt Ltd (v) M/s Symbiosis Merchants Pvt Ltd (vi) M/s Sentry Engineering Pvt Ltd (vii) M/s Viewmore Highrise Pvt Ltd (viii) M/s APA Utility Services in the case. The Hon'ble Special Court took cognizance of the Prosecution Complaint on 19.09.2022 after finding that a prime-facie case has been made out against the 8 accused persons.

The 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 taking the total seizure/attachment to **Rs. 103.10 Crore.**

Further Investigation is under progress.
