



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has carried out search operations at 10 locations in Bhadrak and Bhubaneswar cities of Odisha on 15.02.2024 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, (PMLA), 2002 in the matter of misappropriation of society money by forgery and cheating.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by the Bhadrak Police, Odisha under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Explosive substances Act, 1908.

ED investigation revealed that Prayaskanti Samal (ex-President), Manoj Kumar Goswami (Secretary) and others of Barapada School of Engineering and Technology (BSET) society were allegedly involved in misappropriation of society money by forgery and cheating. Prayaskanti Samal, S/o Prafulla Samal, MLA, Odisha State Assembly with other associates of the Society have engaged in the embezzlement of crores of rupees by way of financial irregularities. It has also been alleged that they engaged themselves in embezzlement the funds and properties (acquired in the name of the BSET) for their personal monetary gain with the help of forged/fabricated documents.

During the search operations, a total amount of Rs. 9 Lakhs in cash along with a Toyota Fortuner Car worth Rs. 40 lakhs (approx.) were recovered and seized. Further various incriminating documents including undated cheques, land agreements and digital devices have also been seized from various premises.

Further investigation is under progress.