



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached assets worth Rs. 25 lakh of Asha Shaji, W/o. K. M. Shaji, (Ex-MLA), Azhikode Constituency, Kannur, Kerala under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The attached asset includes a residential property situated at Vengeri Village, Kakkodi SRO, Calicut.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of the FIR dated 18.04.2020 registered by Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kannur, Kerala. VACB had registered the case against K. M. Shaji, then MLA under section 7 and 13(1)(d) r/w/ 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. As per the FIR, K. M. Shaji had accepted a bribe amount of Rs. 25 lakhs in the year 2016 from a teacher, on behalf of the school management, wherein the teacher was later appointed as permanent teacher in a school located at Azhikode.

Investigation by ED revealed that substantial part of proceeds of crime generated through the above mentioned criminal activity was utilized for the construction of the above mentioned residential building in the name of Asha Shaji during the year 2016.

Further, investigation is under progress.
