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The designated Ld. Special PMLA Court at Bhopal pronounced conviction of Smt. Bharti Bhasne for the offences committed under section 3 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 and sentenced her to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) for three years and imposed a fine of Rs. 50,000/- on her. The Ld. Court also ordered confiscation of the Properties to the tune of Rs 1,58,63,223 /- attached by the ED under PMLA, 2002.

ED had initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Lokayukta Police, Bhopal against Jitendra Kumar Bhasne, Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department (PWD) and his wife Smt. Bharti Bhasne for commission of offence under various sections of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Indian Penal Code for acquisition of DA during the check period from 01.06.1998 to 04.05.2010.

During the course of investigation, it was revealed that in stipulated check period Smt. Bharti Bhasne had invested an amount of Rs. 2,76,10,844 /- in her name, in the name of her family members. It was also revealed that, from the proceeds of crime amounting to Rs. 2,76,10,844/- accused Smt. Bharti Bhasne used Rs. 1,58,63,2231 /- for acquisition of movable properties in the form of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Policies. These insurance policies amounting to Rs. 1,58,63,223/- were provisionally attached by the ED. Before filing of the chargesheet by ED, Jitendra Bhasne deceased due to illness.

Subsequently, prosecution complaint was filed on 06.04.2018 against Smt. Bharti Bhasne.