



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata has arrested Alif Noor and Anisur Rahaman (Block President of TMC) on 02.08.2024, in PDS scam case related to laundering the Proceeds of Crime (PoC) generated through siphoning of PDS ration in the state of West Bengal. They are produced before Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Kolkata, who remanded him to ED custody till 12.08.2024. Further their ED custody was further for another 04 days by Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Kolkata.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of various FIRs registered by West Bengal Police, wherein various private persons were found in unauthorized possession of Ration meant for delivery through PDS and also found to be involved in bogus procurement of paddy.

During ED investigation three important modus operandi were detected for generation of Proceeds of Crime (PoC) related to PDS scam viz

- siphoning of PDS ration to open market,
- mixing of old wheat flour in fresh flour meant for PDS distribution and
- bogus paddy procurement at MSP.

It is suspected that in the PDS scam PoC worth more than Rs. 10,000 Crore were generated. In this case Bakibur Rahaman, Jyoti Priya Mallick, Sankar Addhya and Biswajit Das were arrested under PMLA, 2002 and all are at present in judicial custody. It is also revealed during the investigation that Alif Noor and Anisur Rahaman are closely associated with Jyoti Priya Mallick and Bakibur Rahaman. They have also allegedly received and handled proceeds of crime on behalf of Jyoti Priya Mallick and Bakibur Rahaman.

Searches were conducted on 30.07.2024 under PMLA, 2002 at residence and business premises of Alif Noor, Anisur Rahaman and Barik Biswas in this case. During the search PoC worth of Rs. 45 Lakh was seized along with documents and digital evidence. In addition to the findings mentioned above, the investigation also revealed that these individuals were also allegedly involved in generating PoC through the siphoning of PDS rations and bogus paddy procurement.

Earlier in this case Prosecution Complaint was filed before the Ld. Special Court (PMLA), Kolkata on 12.12.2023 and supplementary Prosecution Complaints were filed on 05.03.2024 and 12.04.2024 and cognisance of all the complaints were taken by the Ld. Court. Further, prayer has been made vide above complaints for confiscation of properties acquired / obtained from Proceeds of Crime (PoC) which includes **149 immovable properties** and balance in several bank accounts, market value of same estimated to be more than Rs. 200 Crore.

Further investigation is under progress.