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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed Prosecution Complaint against Maheswar Pradhan, S/o Late Bhagaban Pradhan and Smt. Namita Pradhan, W/o Maheswar Pradhan, in a disproportionate assets (DA) case before the Hon'ble District & Sessions Judge, Khurdha cum Special Court at Bhubaneswar under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. The Hon'ble Court was pleased to take cognizance of the same on 28.09.2023.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Vigilance Police Station, Bhubaneswar under Prevention of Corruption Act, 2018 for alleged possession of disproportionate assets to the tune of Rs. 2.04 Crore by Maheswar Pradhan and his family members while he was working in the official capacity of Divisional Manager, OFDC Ltd., Angul, Odisha.

ED investigation revealed that Maheswar Pradhan being a government servant, took undue advantage of his official position and thereby generated proceeds of crime and acquired various movable and immovable assets/properties disproportionate to his known source of income in own name and in name of his family members. Smt. Namita Pradhan, W/o Maheswar Pradhan found to be involved in assisting her husband Maheswar Pradhan in acquisition, possession, layering and integration of such disproportionate assets earned illegally.

Earlier, ED had attached movable and immovable properties in March, 2022 worth Rs. 2.04 Crore held in the name of both Maheswar Pradhan and Smt. Namita Pradhan in form of plot of land, building, FDs/available bank balances etc. situated in Bhubaneswar and Angul. Subsequently, the said attachment order was confirmed by the Ld. Adjudicating Authority, PMLA, New Delhi on 16.09.2022.