



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has provisionally attached immovable properties valued at **Rs. 230.6 Crore** (being land parcels and a flat), which are being held in the name of one Prasanna Kumar Roy and Santi Prasad Sinha and also in the names of various companies/LLPs controlled by them. The attached land parcels held in the name of Prasanna Kumar Roy include approx. 96 Cottah in Patharghata, approx. 117 Cottah in Sultanpur, Approx. 282 Cottah in Maheshtala and approx. 136 Cottah in New Town. The attached properties held in the name of Santi Prasad Sinha include one benami flat situated in Bengal Ambuja Housing, Purba Jadabpur, Kolkata and two land parcels located in Kapashati.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of two FIRs registered by the CBI under various sections of Indian Penal Code, 1860 & Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in the matter of alleged illegal appointment of Assistant Teacher in Class IX-X and Class XI-XII for offering appointment to the undeserving, non-listed and low ranked candidates and depriving the deserving and genuine candidates. The allegation includes appointment without maintaining fairness, in criminal conspiracy by various persons and by flouting the relevant Rules. Further, the CBI Charge sheets revealed that total 2081 (1135 for Classes IX-X and 946 for Classes XI-XII) candidates were appointed/recommended illegally for the post of Assistant Teachers by the officials of WBCSSC in criminal conspiracy with others.

ED has earlier arrested **Prasanna Kumar Roy** (the main middleman involved in the alleged collection of money and details from candidates) and **Santi Prasad Sinha** [the then Advisor of WBCSSC, in Assistant Teachers Recruitment scam in the West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC)] and both are presently in judicial custody.

In another case of Primary Teachers Recruitment Scam in the State of West Bengal, ED has already attached/seized properties worth **Rs. 135 Crore**.

The total attachment/seizure in Teachers Recruitment Scams in the State of West Bengal so far stands at **Rs. 365.60 Crore**.

Further investigation is under progress.
