



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed Prosecution Complaint before Hon'ble Special Court at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh against Polepalli Venkat Prasad, M/s PBR Poultry Tech, M/s. PBR Agri Tech Private Limited, Bhupathiraju Krishna Mohan Raju (the then Branch Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, Veerabadrapuram Branch), Penmetsa Venkata Krishna Srinivasa Raju, (the then panel valuer for IOB, Veerabhadrapuram) and others under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in a case related to multi-crore bank fraud. The special PMLA Court, Visakhapatnam has taken cognizance of the Prosecution complaint on 09.05.2022.

ED initiated money-laundering investigation on the basis of FIR registered by CBI BS&FC, Bangalore under various sections of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 13(2) r/w 13(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

ED investigation inter-alia revealed that M/s PBR Poultry Tech availed term loan for construction of shed, purchase of plant & machineries and working capital in connivance with Bhupathiraju Krishna Mohan Raju but did not utilise the loan proceeds for the intended purpose. Investigation also revealed that M/s PBR Agri Tech Private Limited (a sister concern of M/s PBR Poultry Tech Limited) also availed term loan & cash credit loan from Andhra Bank, Venkatraipuram, Tanuku for construction of sheds and purchase of Plant & Machineries but did not repay the loan to the bank. Investigation also revealed that Polepalli Venkat Prasad, in connivance with Sri B. K. Mohan Raju (the then Branch Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, Veerabadrapuram Branch) also availed Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) Loans in the names of 5 his relatives/acquaintances by submitting the fake documents and cheated the bank. Investigation also revealed that certain portion of the above loans were diverted for purchasing the immovable properties in the name of partners of M/s PBR Poultry Tech. All the above loans were declared NPA by the banks and thereby caused total loss of Rs. 17.27 Crore (including interest) to the Public Sector Bank.

ED had earlier attached the properties of Mr. Polepalli Venkat Prasad and others to the tune of Rs. 7.57 Crore vide Provisional Attachment Order which was confirmed by Hon'ble Adjudicating Authority, PMLA, New Delhi in Original Complaint of 2020 dated 22.04.2021.

Further investigation is under progress.