



## **Press Release**

**25.04.2024**

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Hon'ble Special PMLA Court, Kolkata against Prasanna Kumar Roy, Santi Prasad Sinha & 106 other LLPs/Companies controlled by Prasanna Kumar Roy on 18.04.2024 in the case of **Assistant Teachers Recruitment scam in the West Bengal**. The Hon'ble Special Court has taken cognizance of the PC on 18.04.2024.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of two FIRs registered by CBI under various sections of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in the matter of illegal appointment of Assistant Teacher in Class IX-X and Class XI-XII by offering appointment to the undeserving, non-listed and low ranked candidates and thereby depriving the deserving and genuine candidates and without maintaining fairness, in criminal conspiracy with each other by flouting the relevant Rules. Further, CBI Chargesheets revealed that total 2081 (1135 for Classes IX-X + 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** on 19/2/2024 (the main middleman involved in the alleged collection of money and details from candidates) and **Santi Prasad Sinha** on 1/4/2024 [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.

Earlier ED had also provisionally attached immovable properties worth Rs. **230.6 Crore** (being land parcels and a flat) held in the name of Prasanna Kumar Roy, Santi Prasad Sinha and in the names of various companies/LLPs controlled and operated by Prasanna Kumar Roy.

Further investigation is under progress.