

Press Release <u>12.08.2024</u>

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Dimapur Sub Zonal Office has provisionally attached immovable assets worth Rs. 96 Lakh under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, related to Avituo Sekhose and Mhalelie Rio, both contractors of PWD, Nagaland.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by CBI, ACB, Imphal under various sections of IPC, 1860 for the alleged misappropriation of public money during the construction of new High Court Complex at Kohima, Nagaland, to the extent of Rs. 3.61 Crore (approx.). CBI filed Chargesheet against the accused contractor namely Avituo Sekhose and accused Engineers of Nagaland PWD namely Er. Yapang Jamir, Er. M.I Tongjok Ao and Er. K Nikato Assumi for allegedly committing offences punishable under IPC, 1860 to the tune of Rs. 80.25 Lakh (approx.). Another Chargesheet was filed by the CBI against the contractors Thepfusatuo Rio, Mhalelio Rio and Vibeilietuo Kets for allegedly committing offences punishable under IPC, 1860 to the tune of Rs. 29.68 Lakh (approx.).

ED investigation revealed that the accused contractors were indulged in criminal activities, caused wrongful loss to the Government exchequer to the above said extent and derived and obtained proceeds of crime.

Further investigation is under progress.