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**Press Release**

Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached immovable and movable assets worth Rs. 58.15 Lakh, under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA), including bank balances worth Rs. 12.15 Lakh and immovable assets worth Rs.46 Lakh related to the accused Raghunath Behera, his accomplice Soumyakanta Mohanty and their relatives in connection with a case of cheating the aspirants of MBBS seats.

ED initiated the investigation under PMLA on the basis of various FIRs and Charge Sheets filed by the Crime Branch, CID, Odisha Police against the accused Raghunath Behera & others for duping a number of aspirants from the state of Odisha and beyond with a false promise to provide MBBS seats in different Medical colleges under management quota.

During the investigation under PMLA, it came to notice that there are various FIRs and chargesheets under different police stations in Odisha against Raghunath Behera, Soumyakant Mohanty and their accomplice in connection with cheating many innocent aspirants on false assurances to provide MBBS seats in different medical colleges under management quota and thereby accumulating proceeds of crime. The attached properties of Rs. 58.15 Lakh are acquired from the said proceeds of crime and are found in possession of the accused Raghunath Behera, Soumyakant Mohanty and their relatives.

Further investigation into the matter is in progress.

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