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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached movable and immovable assets worth Rs. 1.88 Crore belonging to the accused Lingaraj Jena and others under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with a case of Disproportionate Assets (DA) registered by the Vigilance Directorate, Odisha.

ED initiated Investigation under PMLA, 2002 on the basis of F.I.R registered against Lingaraj Jena, the erstwhile Safei Mohareer, posted in the office of Additional Sub-Collector (Settlement), Jagganathpuri, by Vigilance P.S., Bhubaneswar for Offences committed under Section 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(e) of the Prevention of Corruption (PC) Act, 1988. Subsequently, Charge sheet was filed before the Court of Special Judge, Vigilance, Bhubaneswar against Lingaraj Jena. The Charge sheet reveals that Lingaraj Jena, during the relevant period, has illicitly enriched himself and his family members by acquiring assets disproportionate to his known sources of income, totalling to the tune of Rs. 1.88 Crore.

ED Investigation under PMLA revealed that Lingaraj Jena has acquired monetary proceeds through indulgence in criminal activities, concealed it and invested the same in the acquisition of various assets .

Further investigation is under progress.