



**Press Release**  
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has conducted search operations under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 on 21.08.2023 & 22.08.2023 at 3 premises in Kolkata linked to accused Sujay Krishna Bhadra in the Teachers Recruitment Scam of West Bengal. During the search operations various incriminating documents and digital evidence were recovered and seized.

The accused Sujay Krishna Bhadra was the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of M/s Leaps and Bounds Private Limited, a company used for making dubious transactions running into crores of rupees. Sujay Krishna Bhadra was also been a director in this company from April 2012 to March 2016. Abhishek Banerjee, MP from TMC is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of M/s Leaps and Bounds Private Limited and was also a director in the company from April 2012 to January 2014.

ED had earlier arrested accused Sujay Krishna Bhadra on 30.05.2023 in its investigation into the Teachers Recruitment Scam and filed 4<sup>th</sup> Supplementary Prosecution Complaint in the case on 28.07.2023 against Sujay Krishna Bhadra and others before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Kolkata. The Hon'ble Special Court took cognizance of the said Complaint on the same day i.e. 28.07.2023 after finding a prima facie case against the accused persons.

Earlier, ED had issued three Provisional Attachment orders in the case. The total amount of seizure and attachment in the case stands at Rs. 126.70 Crore till date.

ED has so far arrested 7 persons involved in the scam namely Partha Chatterjee, MLA and the then Education Minister of West Bengal; Ms. Arpita Mukherjee, Manik Bhattacharya, MLA, TMC and the Ex- President of the West Bengal Board of Primary Education, Kuntal Ghosh, Santanu Banerjee, Ayan Sil and Sujay Krishna Bhadra in the Teachers Recruitment Scam in West Bengal.

Further Investigation is under progress.

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