



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**22.12.2023**

Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached movable and immovable assets amounting to Rs. 12.24 Crore belonging to partners of M/s Lifeline Hospital Management Services, Sujit Patker, Dr. Hemant Gupta, Rajeev Salunkhe & Sanjay Shah and their accomplice, Sunil Kadam (a.k.a. Bala Kadam), in the case of irregularities in Jumbo Covid facilities at Dahisar and Worli in the case of Covid Scam by M/s Lifeline Hospital Management Services. The attached assets are in the form of 3 flats in Mumbai, mutual fund units and balances in bank accounts.

ED initiated investigation against M/s Lifeline Hospital Management Service, its partners and others on the basis of FIR registered by Azad Maidan Police station, Mumbai under various sections of Indian Penal Code.

ED investigation revealed that during June, 2020 MCGM had floated tender/contracts for manpower supply at various Jumbo Covid facilities for ICU Beds, Oxygenated Beds and non-Oxygenated Beds in Mumbai through Expression of Interest (EOI) dated 22.06.2020 and 25.06.2020. M/s Lifeline Hospital Management services obtained tender for supply of staff members i.e., Doctors, nurses, multi-purpose workers (Wardboys, Aayas & Doctor Assistant) and technicians to Jumbo Covid facilities at Dahisar and Worli for the period from July 2020 to February, 2022 based on incomplete and false documents. It is further revealed that during service period, the EOI conditions were not maintained by the partners of M/s Lifeline Hospital Management services and there were huge under deployment of the staff members. However, the invoices were submitted by showing adequate staff attendance as per the EOI conditions through fake and fabricated attendance sheets and staff records at Dahisar Jumbo Covid facility and no attendance / staff data was submitted for Worli Covid facility. Despite of the same, the partners of M/s Lifeline in connivance with BMC staff managed to receive Rs. 32.44 Crore from MCGM Authorities during September 2020 to June 2022.

ED investigation further revealed that after receipt of the amount from BMC Sujit Patker and other partners of M/s Lifeline Hospital Management Services diverted the funds for buying assets, repaying housing loan, investing in real estate's etc. All these identified assets in the form of flats, mutual fund units and bank balances in two bank accounts all totalling to Rs. 12.23 Crore have been provisionally attached under the provisions of PMLA, 2002.

Earlier in this case, Sujit Patker, one of the Partner of M/s Lifeline Hospital Management Services and Dr. Kishore Bisure, Ex-Dean from BMC for Dahisar Jumbo Covid Centre, were arrested on 19.07.2023 for offences of money laundering under PMLA 2002. At present they are in Judicial Custody. Prosecution Complaint has already been filed against partners of M/s Lifeline Hospital Management Services and associated persons/entities before Special Court (PMLA) on 15.09.2023.

Further investigation is under progress.

