



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed a Prosecution Complaint under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 on 22/11/2023 against Arjuna Kumar Kar and his accomplices Manas Ranjan Parichha, Maheswar Sahoo and Santosh Kumar Dash in the Court of the Ld. Sessions Judge, Khurda at Bhubaneswar – Cum- Special Court (PMLA), Bhubaneswar with prayer for conviction of the said accused persons allegedly involved in the commission of offence of money laundering. The Hon'ble Special Court, PMLA, Bhubaneswar, took the cognizance on 04/12/2023.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR and Charge sheet filed by Special Task Force, Crime Branch, Bhubaneswar, under various sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 against Arjuna Kumar Kar and three others in connection with possession of 1 kg 749 gm of contraband 'brown sugar' **chemically known as '6 monoacetyl morphine'** worth Rs. 1.5 Crore with them and recovery of the same during their personal search.

ED investigation revealed that the accused persons used to procure brown sugar from the drug peddlers of Murshidabad area of West Bengal for deriving illegal income. The main accused, Arjuna Kumar Kar has also confessed that they were involved in the brown sugar business.
