



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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Directorate of Enforcement has filed Prosecution Complaint under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) on 04/08/2023 against Raghunath Behera, his brother Bharat Behera, Soumyakant Mohanty and his wife Biswakalpna Mohanty, in the Court of the Sessions Judge, Khurda at Bhubaneswar – Cum- Special Court (PMLA), Bhubaneswar with prayer for conviction of the accused and confiscation of attached properties worth Rs. 46 Lakhs which have been confirmed. The Special Court took cognizance of the Prosecution Complaint on 09.08.2023.

ED initiated investigation under PMLA on the basis of FIR and Charge sheet filed by CID, Crime Branch Odisha under various section of IPC against Raghunath Behera, Soumyakanta Mohanty and others in connection with duping a number of gullible students of Odisha and beyond with a false promise to provide MBBS seats in different Medical colleges. There were various other FIRs registered and chargesheets filed by different police stations in Odisha against accused persons and their accomplice in the similar matters.

Earlier, ED had attached assets worth Rs. 46 Lakhs by issuing a Provisional Attachment Order dated 09/12/2022 which was subsequently confirmed by the Ld. Adjudicating Authority (PMLA) on 01/06/2023.

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