



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 against three alleged wildlife poachers namely Satyaban Sahu S/o Late Jayadeb Sahu, Mahit Bhue S/o Late Lekru Bhue and Souki Thethua S/o Late Dulamani Thethua of Baragarh district Odisha, in the Court of the Hon'ble Sessions Judge, Khurda at Bhubaneswar -cum-Special Court (PMLA), Bhubaneswar with prayer for conviction and punishment of the accused persons and also confiscation of proceeds of crime. The Hon'ble Court took cognizance of the PC filed by ED in this case on 04/12/2023.

ED investigation initiated on the basis of the FIR and Chargesheet filed against the accused persons, by the Special Task Force, Crime Branch, Odisha under various sections of the IPC, 1860 and Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

ED investigation revealed that the accused persons were allegedly involved in trading of Leopard skin and wildlife articles/organs/trophies since long and one Leopard Skin, 11 Nos. of its nail and 4 Nos. of its teeth valued at Rs. 6.30 Lakh was identified as proceeds of crime.
