



## **Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Mumbai has arrested Sujit Patker, Partner of M/s Lifeline Hospital Management Service and Dr. Kishore Bisure, Ex-Dean from BMC for Dahisar Jumbo Covid Centre, on 19.07.2023 for offences of money laundering under PMLA 2002.

ED has 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. Investigation under PMLA conducted so far, revealed that during Covid-19 period, Partners of M/s Lifeline Hospital Management Service have managed to obtain contracts from BMC Authorities for supply of manpower at Dahisar and Worli Jumbo Covid Centres by submitting forged documents and received payments Rs. 31.84 Crore by further submitted fake and fabricated bills.

Investigation revealed that on the instruction of accused Sujit Patker and other partners, staff of M/s Lifeline Hospital Management Services, were fraudulently using names of Doctors/staff in bills, who were not working/employed at concerned COVID Centers. Preliminary investigation revealed that the actual deployment of Doctors & Medical Staff was 50-60% short of deployment shown in the billings made to BMC in line with specification of EOI issued by BMC. Correspondence with such Doctors & Medical Staff also confirmed about the same.

For such illegal acts, BMC officers, deputed at these Covid-Centres were found to be hand in gloves with them. It is also revealed that valuable items and cash were given to them, by partners/staff of M/s Lifeline Hospital Management Services. For such illegal gratifications, Accused Dr. Kishore Bisure, Dean did not ensure required no. of medical staff in the centre and rather allowed/approved the fabricated bills which were claimed for requisite deployment of medical personnel, based on fake attendance sheets of M/s Lifeline Hospital Management Services.

In the instant case, ED has earlier conducted search operations on 21.06.2023, 22.06.2023, 03.07.2023, 05.07.2023 and 07.07.2023 at various premises of concerned individuals/ entities which resulted in seizure of cash, gold and several incriminating documents.

Recently, Sujit Patker and Dr. Kishore Bisure were arrested by ED on 19-07-2023, and were produced before the Hon'ble Special Court, Mumbai, which granted them to ED custody for 8 days and to be produced on 27-07-2023.

Further investigation is in progress.