



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) against Sk Sahajhan, Sk Alomgir, Shib Prasad Hazra and others before the Hon'ble Special Judge, CBI-I, Bichar Bhavan, Kolkata under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in a Money Laundering case against **Shahajahan Seikh and others**.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of 13 FIRs registered by West Bengal Police under various sections of IPC Act, 1860 and Arms Act, 1959 against Sahajhan Sekh and others on the allegations that they have created an atmosphere of terror by indulging in organized crime of giving threats of injury, murder, attempt to murder, extortion etc. and also grabbed land of general public and obtained illegal monetary gains / benefits.

ED investigation revealed that Sk Sahajhan had created a criminal empire revolving around land grabbing, illegal fish farming/trading, grabbing brick fields, cartelization of contracts, collection of illegal taxes/levies, commission on land deals etc.

During investigation by ED, statements of various persons including local farmers, tribals, fish merchants, agents, exporters, landowners, contractors etc have been recorded under Section 50 of PMLA 2002. Also, searches were conducted under section 17 of PMLA wherein 3 cars i.e. a Mahindra Thar, Scorpio- New and Jeep Compass belonging to Sk Sahajhan, and his brother Sk Alomgir were seized.

Earlier, ED had attached movable and immovable properties of Sk Sahajhan and others of value Rs. 27.08 Crore vide two Provisional Attachment Orders dated 05/03/2024 and 16/05/2024. Out of the proceeds of crime of value Rs.261.41 Crore derived and obtained by said persons from criminal activities, as revealed during the course of investigation conducted under PMLA, 2002.

Four persons namely Sk Sahajhan, his brother Sk Alomgir and his two accomplices Shib Prasad Hazra and Didar Boksh Molla were arrested by ED and all these 4 persons are presently in judicial custody. Subsequent to the arrests, ED has filed the present PC.

Further investigation is under progress.