



Press Release
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Enforcement Directorate has filed a Prosecution Complaint under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) in the case of Narda Sting Operation, against Firhad Hakim, Transport & Housing Minister, Government of West Bengal, Subrata Mukherjee, Panchayet Minister, Government of West Bengal, Madan Mitra, MLA West Bengal, Sovan Chatterjee, former Mayor of Kolkata and S.M.H.Meerza, an IPS Officer of West Bengal Cadre before the Hon'ble Special Judge (PMLA), Kolkata with the prayer for awarding punishment to the accused for committing offence of money laundering and confiscation of the amount of gratification.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR dated 16.04.2017 registered by ACB, CBI under the provisions of corruption act, 1988 and IPC, 1868 against 12 public persons which includes sitting MLA's and MP's of West Bengal and an IPS officer of West Bengal cadre. As per FIR, Mathew Samuel had conducted a sting operation during 2014 and recorded visual footage of these persons, who either themselves took money or instructed someone else to take money on their behalf from him. In the sting operation, it was seen that the accused, in their capacity as public servants, accepted bribes to favor an individual, who was posing as a representative of a company at the time of transaction.

Money laundering investigation conducted by ED has revealed that accused persons not only received illegal gratifications but also possessed the proceeds of crime and tried to conceal it by creating fictitious stories and mislead the investigation. Therefore today, ED has filed Prosecution Complaint, wherein it is highlighted that how the above mentioned highly placed persons laundered the proceeds of crime/illegal gratification. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the matter and directed to serve the summons to the all the accused.

Directorate is carrying out further investigation against the other accused in this case.
