



Press Release

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Enforcement Directorate has provisionally attached movable property valued at Rs. 21.11 Lakhs of M/s Cranio Facial Clinic Pvt. Ltd. under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the bribery scam relating to grant of permission accorded by the Dental Council of India to start various dental colleges.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR registered by CBI, ACB Chennai against Dr. S.Murukesan, a leading Dentist & others for criminal conspiracy in the demand and acceptance of illegal gratification by resorting to criminal misconduct as a motive for inducing, by corrupt or illegal means, the officials of Dental Council of India to recommend grant of permission to start M/s. Asan Memorial Dental College & Hospital and M/s Adiparasakthi Dental College & Hospital.

Investigation in to the money trail revealed that Dr. S.Murukesan had purchased immovable property out of the ill-gotten money and subsequently sold the property for profit and that funds were transferred from his personal account to the entity run by him in the name of M/s Cranio Facial Clinic Pvt. Ltd. The proceeds of crime in the case have been quantified at Rs. One Crore. ED has now attached the amount of Rs. 21,11,186 lying in balance in the bank account of M/s Cranio Facial Clinic Pvt. Ltd. which is qualified to be attached as Value of such Property under the provisions of PMLA,2002.

Earlier in the same case, the illegal gratification of Rs.25 Lakhs alleged to have been delivered on 7.1.2013 to Dr.S.Murukesan at his clinic, towards influencing the officials of DCI in the grant of approval by corrupt or illegal means to M/s Adhiparasakthi Dental College & Hospital, was attached provisionally and confirmed by the Hon'ble Adjudicating Authority, New Delhi.

Further investigation is under progress.