



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**ED arrests Sujit Bose, Ex-Minister & Ex-MLA in Municipality Recruitment Scam,**  
**West Bengal**

Directorate of Enforcement (ED) Kolkata Zonal Office has arrested Sujit Bose, Ex Minister (Department of Fire and Emergency Services, WB) & Ex-MLA on 11.05.2026 under section 19(1) of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with the Municipality Recruitment Scam. He was produced before the Hon'ble Special Court, Bichar Bhavan, Kolkata, which granted 10 days custody to ED for further investigation.

During the investigation, ED summoned Sujit Bose multiple times for recording of his statements, however, he failed to cooperate with the investigation and consistently avoided appearance before the ED on one pretext or another, including citing preoccupation and seeking repeated adjournments. Even during his eventual appearances, he provided evasive replies and remained non-cooperative throughout the course of examination. Investigation under PMLA revealed that Sujit Bose is the beneficiary of direct Proceeds of Crime in the form of multiple Flats in lieu of ensuring jobs to multiple individuals. Further it is also revealed that he acquired Proceeds of Crime in cash running in crores, which was subsequently laundered by him through his purported business ventures.

ED initiated investigation in the case on the basis of FIR registered by CBI on the directions of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta. It is pertinent to mention that the ED had filed an application being CAN 2 of 2023 in WPA 9979 of 2022 with CAN 1 of 2023 in the matter of Soumen Nandy Vs The State of West Bengal & Ors before the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta placing therein a status report on its findings related to the illegalities committed in the recruitment of various posts in the municipalities spread across the state of West Bengal.

Earlier during investigation by ED in the Primary Teachers Recruitment Scam, searches were carried out at various premises linked to Ayan Sil and others in 2023. During search, several incriminating documents along with digital evidence were recovered and seized from the possession of Ayan Sil. The scrutiny of the incriminating documents had revealed that the scam is not only limited to recruitment of the teachers but also covers several other appointments by various municipalities [including Kanchrapra, New Barrackpore, Kamarhati, Titagarh, Baranagar, Halisahar, South Dum Dum (N), Dum Dum etc.] which includes recruitment of Mazdoors (मजदूर), Sweepers, Clerks, Peon, Ambulance attendants, Assistant Mistries, Pump operators, Helpers, Sanitary assistants, Drivers, etc.

Investigation conducted so far has revealed that the contracts pertaining to various Municipal Corporations, Municipalities etc. were given to a single company M/s. ABS Infozon Pvt Ltd. (Director- Ayan Sil) for the printing of question papers, printing of OMR sheets, evaluation of marks obtained by the candidates and preparation of the merit list, etc. Ayan Sil and other high functionaries including public servants and political leaders hatched a criminal conspiracy among themselves including other private persons and in pursuance to that conspiracy Ayan Sil, Director of M/s ABS Infozon Pvt. Ltd., by abusing his power and position being responsible for the printing, designing and evaluation of OMR sheets, resorted to manipulation of OMR sheets of the candidates and facilitated the illegal appointments of several unmeritorious candidates in several municipalities in lieu of monetary and other considerations.

Earlier, ED had also conducted searches at multiple premises including the office of Sujit Bose, Ex-MLA and Ex-Minister of Fire and Emergency Services, West Bengal. During the course of searches, various incriminating documents including property documents, digital devices and cash amounting to Rs. 3.45 Crore (approx.) have been seized from various premises linked to the scam.

ED has filed a Prosecution Complaint in the case against Ayan Sil before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Kolkata. ED had also conducted search at the premises of various functionaries of Municipalities, residential premises of Sujit Bose, Ex-MLA and Rathin Ghosh, MLA and Ex-Minister of Food & Supplies, West Bengal.

Further investigation is under progress.