



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) Kolkata Zonal Office has filed a Supplementary Prosecution Complaint against Sujit Bose, Ex Minister (Department of Fire and Emergency Services, WB & Ex-MLA), Samudra Bose, Jyotishman Chattopadhyay, IAS (then Director of Directorate of Local Bodies) and others under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Ld. Chief Judge, City Sessions Court, Kolkata on 09.07.2026 in connection with the Municipality Recruitment Scam. Earlier in this case, Sujit Bose was arrested under section 19(1) of PMLA, 2002 on 11.05.2026, and granted 10 days ED custody by the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Calcutta. Sujit Bose is currently in judicial custody.

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.

During investigation under PMLA, 2002, it is unearthed that Sujit Bose (erstwhile Vice-Chairman of South Dumdum Municipality) recommended 340 candidates for their illegal appointment in South Dumdum Municipality and 284 of them secured their appointment in South Dumdum Municipality. Information supplied by South Dumdum Municipality (SDDM) revealed that it recruited 343 candidates in SDDM for the period starting from 2014 to 2022. Investigation has revealed that the Proceeds of Crime so generated & received from undeserving candidates was initially infused into his proprietorship concern, Chinese Quisine Restaurant, by projecting it as legitimate cash sales despite its limited business operations. The investigation revealed that huge cash deposits were made in bank accounts, even during the covid lockdown period. Funds, drawn and transferred by Sujit Bose from the said restaurant, were subsequently utilized to finance and expand hospitality entities, including M/s. Shree Venkatesh Banquets Pvt. Ltd. and M/s. Speciality Dhaba LLP (Bengal Dhaba & The Bar & Lounge), through capital contributions and unsecured loans. Further, additional funds for acquisition of properties were arranged through borrowings from various shell companies and individuals, which were later repaid by routing the Proceeds of Crime through inflated & bogus cash sales of the hospitality entities.

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 certain 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. It manifests that Sujit Bose not only vitiated the recruitment process of South Dumdum Municipality but also expropriated the authority of fair and transparent recruitment from the South Dumdum Municipality and administered illegal appointment in lieu of pecuniary gain received by him.

Investigation under PMLA, 2002 has established that Jyotishman Chattopadhyay, IAS while functioning as the Director, Directorate of Local Bodies, Government of West Bengal, abused his official position and statutory authority to facilitate, legitimise and regularise illegal appointments in various Municipalities, particularly South Dum Dum Municipality, in complete violation of the prescribed recruitment procedure. In particular, Jyotishman Chattopadhyay approved the proposal relating to the additional 29 appointments in South Dum Dum Municipality as a "special case", despite the complete absence of the mandatory documents required under the applicable/extant Government guidelines.

ED has earlier filed a Prosecution Complaint in the case against Ayan Sil before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Kolkata on 24.02.2025.

Further investigation is under progress.