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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) Kolkata Zonal Office has filed 2nd Supplementary Prosecution Complaint against Partha Chatterjee, Ms. Arpita Mukherjee, Kuntal Ghosh and others before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Kolkata on 25.06.2026 in connection with the West Bengal Central SSC Assistant Teacher Recruitment Scam in West Bengal. The complaint has been filed under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in continuation of the Prosecution Complaint dated 18.04.2024 and 1st Supplementary Prosecution Complaint dated 18.10.2025.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), ACB, Kolkata relating to large-scale irregularities in the recruitment of Assistant Teachers in Classes IX-X and XI-XII through the West Bengal Central School Service Commission (WBCSSC). The scheduled offences pertain to criminal conspiracy, cheating and corruption under the provisions of the IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Investigation under the PMLA has revealed that a large-scale recruitment scam was perpetrated through manipulation of OMR scores, tampering of personality test marks, illegal appointments of undeserving candidates and issuance of appointments after expiry of panels. Investigation further revealed that thousands of candidates were illegally appointed or recommended for appointment in teaching posts in violation of prescribed rules and procedures, thereby depriving deserving candidates of their legitimate appointments.

Investigation has further revealed that Partha Chatterjee, the then Minister-in-Charge of the School Education Department, played a key role in influencing and facilitating the illegal recruitment process through abuse of official position in connivance with officials of WBCSSC, WBBSE and various middlemen. Investigation also revealed that illegal gratification was collected from undeserving candidates in exchange for appointments and recommendations. The proceeds generated from the criminal activities were routed through multiple persons and entities and projected as untainted assets.

Investigation has further established that the Proceeds of Crime were generated from large-scale illegal recruitment of candidates in teaching posts and were subsequently concealed, possessed, acquired, used and projected as untainted property through various means. A total of 3 Provisional Attachment Orders have been issued in the case amounting to Rs 301.58 Crore so far.

Earlier, ED had conducted extensive searches in this case, attached movable and immovable properties under the provisions of PMLA, 2002 and filed Prosecution Complaint as well as Supplementary Prosecution Complaint before the Hon'ble Special Court. ED had also arrested Prasanna Kumar Roy, Jiban Krishna Saha and several other accused persons under the provisions of PMLA, 2002.

ED has earlier attached properties worth Rs. 247.35 Crore in the case of Group C & D staff SSC Recruitment Scam in the State of West Bengal. In SSC Assistant Teacher Recruitment Scam (9th to 12th), the ED has attached properties worth Rs. 301.58 Crore. In another case of Primary Teachers Recruitment Scam in the State of West Bengal, ED has already attached/seized properties worth Rs. 154 Crore (approx.). Thus, the total attachment by ED Kolkata in the recruitment scam cases now stands at **Rs. 702.93 Crore**.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide its judgment dated 03.04.2025 in SLP (Civil) No. 9586 of 2024 in the matter of State of West Bengal vs. Baishakhi Bhattacharyya (Chatterjee) & Others, has quashed the appointments of more than 25,000 teachers and non-teaching staff, holding the entire recruitment process to be vitiated and tainted.

Further investigation is under progress.