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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Guwahati Zonal Office has provisionally attached immovable and movable properties worth approximately Rs. 2.15 Crore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in an investigation related to a disproportionate assets case against Munindra Bhuyan, the then Senior Food Safety Officer, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR No. 01/2023 dated 17.01.2023 registered by CM's Special Vigilance Cell (CMSVC), Guwahati against Munindra Bhuyan under Sections 13(1)(b) and 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (PC Act), 1988, for possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. The chargesheet filed by CMSVC disclosed that during the check period from 01.04.2001 to 28.02.2022, Shri Munindra Bhuyan, while serving as Food Inspector and Senior Food Safety Officer at various postings, acquired assets disproportionate to his known sources of income amounting to Rs. 3.80 Crore, constituting 223.19% of his known income during the check period.

ED investigation revealed that Munindra Bhuyan acquired several immovable properties in Guwahati, either in his own name or in the names of his family members. This was done to obscure the true beneficial ownership and origin of funds. The said properties were purchased by deliberately understating the consideration amounts in registered sale deeds, with the actual fair market values being 10 to 34 times higher than the registered deed values, thereby concealing the actual cash deployment from Proceeds of Crime.

Analysis of bank account statements of Munindra Bhuyan and his wife, revealed systematic cash deposits amounting to Rs. 36,53,000 and Rs. 10,80,500 respectively across multiple bank accounts during the period 2007 to 2021. These deposits could not be explained by any legitimate income sources and are indicative of the placement of Proceeds of Crime.

The investigation further established that Munindra Bhuyan and his wife maintained ten life insurance policies across multiple insurance companies. Given that the suspect's likely savings during the entire check period were negative at Rs. (-) 1,84,65,537, the premiums for these policies could only have been funded from Proceeds of Crime, serving as instruments of layering and integration.

The attached properties include three immovable properties, all in Guwahati having a combined value of Rs. 1.53 Crore (approx.) along with movable assets comprising bank balances of Rs. 16.07 Lakh (approx.) held across accounts in the names of Munindra Bhuyan and his family members, and surrender values of ten life insurance policies aggregating to Rs. 45.33 Lakh (approx.).

Further investigation is under progress.