



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has arrested Jiban Krishna Saha, MLA from Burwan constituency, Murshidabad under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. The arrest is made in the matter of illegal appointments of Assistant Teachers (Classes IX–XII) in West Bengal schools, carried out in criminal conspiracy with officials of the West Bengal Central School Service Commission (SSC). Jiban Krishna Saha was produced before the Hon'ble Special Court, Kolkata, which has granted ED custody for 6 days for further investigation into the matter.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the CBI ACB Kolkata. The Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta had directed the CBI to initiate investigation in the matter of illegalities and irregularities conducted in the recruitment of Assistant Teachers by West Bengal Central SSC.

ED investigation revealed that Jiban Krishna Saha, MLA along with his associates, acted as an agent for collecting huge sums of money from undeserving candidates in exchange for jobs for the post of Assistant Teachers. The Proceeds of Crime (POC) were collected in his own bank accounts and that of his wife. During investigation, various candidates confirmed direct cash payments to Jiban Krishna Saha for promising appointments to the post of Assistant Teacher.

Further, a search operation was also conducted on August 25, 2025 at the residence of Jiban Krishna Saha, his associates and premises linked to Prasanna Kumar Roy. During the course of search proceedings Jiban Krishna Saha attempted to flee from the premises and tried to destroy evidence by throwing/ hiding his mobile phones in a drain, which were later recovered by the search team. During the search digital devices, incriminating documents and property documents have been seized.

In this case of SSC (Assistant Teacher) Recruitment Scam, POC runs into hundreds of crores of rupees and the ED has so far attached POC to the tune of Rs. 238 Crore (approx.) and has also filed a Prosecution Complaint dated 18.04.2024 before this Hon'ble Special Court, Calcutta.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court has vide judgement dated 03.04.2025 in SLP (Civil) No. 9586 of 2024 in the matter of State of West Bengal Vs. Baishakhi Bhattacharyya (Chatterjee) and others cancelled the appointments of more than 25,000 candidates as teachers and staff by SSC by terming the entire process fraud.