



**Press Release**  
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached movable assets in form of bank balances as well as immovable assets located at Bhubaneswar worth Rs. 40.20 Lakh belonging to Biraj Mohan Mohanty and his wife Smt. Sibanee Mohanty under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 in connection with Disproportionate Assets (DA) Case.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered against Biraj Mohan Mohanty, S/o Late Pramod Chandra Mohanty, an erstwhile Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) in the office of District Forest Office, Wild Life Division, District Bhadrak and his wife Smt. Sibanee Mohanty under various sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018). Subsequently, a Charge sheet arising out of aforesaid FIR has also been filed therein before the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge, Vigilance, Balasore.

ED investigation revealed that Biraj Mohan Mohanty illicitly enriched himself and his family by acquiring assets disproportionate to his known sources of income to the tune of Rs. 57.60 Lakh. He acquired the proceeds of crime, through commission of scheduled offence, which were concealed and invested in creation of various assets in his name as well as his family's name to hide their source and project them as untainted. The properties to the tune of Rs. 40.20 Lakh acquired by accused persons have accordingly been attached under the provisions of PMLA, 2002.

Further investigation is under progress.

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