



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed Prosecution Complaint before Hon'ble Special Court Patna, Bihar against (a) Pratigya Housing Finance and Construction Company Ltd, Behala, Kolkata and its Directors (b) Sambit Banerjee S/o Late Dipten Banerjee and others under the Prevention of Money-laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in a chit fund scam case. The Hon'ble Special Court, Patna has taken cognizance of the complaint on 21.07.2023.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR and corresponding charge sheet by EOU, Patna, Bihar; FIR registered by P.S. Katihar Town, Katihar, Bihar and FIR registered by P.S. Forbesganj (Araria), Bihar in chit fund scam by Pratigya Housing Finance and Construction Company Ltd, Behala, Kolkata.

ED investigation revealed that Pratigya Housing Finance and Construction Company Ltd grabbed and defalcated huge amount of money from local people of Bhagalpur and other districts of Bihar by appointing agents and making members, giving them false assurances to invest funds in various schemes on lucrative rate of interest up to 11% on the principal amount. Pratigya Housing Finance and Construction Company Ltd collected huge deposits from innocent people in different schemes of the company and didn't return the said amount so collected and invested the same in the name of the Company and its Directors.

Earlier, ED issued a Provisional Attachment Order attaching assets in form of 10 immovable properties worth Rs. 2,47,88,514/- in the name of Dipten Banerjee and Pratigya Housing Finance and Construction Company Ltd. situated at Banka & Katihar District of Bihar and at Jalpaiguri District of West Bengal.

Further investigation is under progress.

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