



Press Release

06.09.2023

Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has conducted search operations under PMLA, 2002 on 05.09.2023, at the residential premises of Lakshman Hembram, Sub Post Master, related to misappropriation of public money amounting to Rs. 4.12 Crore. During the course of search operation, various incriminating documents and immovable properties were seized. Further, Cash amounting to Rs 5.25 lakh was found and seized and Rs 5.97 Lakh was freezed in his bank account of the person involved.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Moyna Police Station, Purba Medinipur, Tamluk, for commission of offence under various sections of IPC against Lakshman Hembram.

ED investigation revealed that he used to effect premature/final closure of Term Deposits Accounts apparently by forging signature of the account holders and transferred the pre-mature amount/maturity proceeds of those TD accounts to the saving accounts of the same account holders without their knowledge. Thereafter he used to siphon off the said amount from their SB accounts by way of fraudulent withdrawals again apparently by forging signature(s) of the account holders. These withdrawal amounts to the tune of Rs 4.12 Crore were used for the purchase of movable/immovable assets and for personal use and are proceeds of crime under provisions of PMLA, 2002.

Further investigation is under progress.