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**Press Release**

Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached movable as well as immovable assets worth Rs.71.99 Lakh belonging to the accused Khageswar Panda, the erstwhile Assistant Civil Supplies Officer in “Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare department” under the Government of Odisha and others under PMLA, 2002 in a case of offence of money laundering which involved predicate offence of “possession of disproportionate assets”.

Investigation was initiated under PMLA, 2002 on the basis of FIR registered at Koraput Vigilance PS and corresponding Charge-sheet invoking various Section of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against Khageswar Panda, the erstwhile Asst. Civil Supplies Officer, Dharamgarh Sub-division, Kalahandi, Odisha.

Investigation under PMLA revealed that Khageswar Panda acquired / derived proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs.1.19 Crore (approx.) through commission of schedule offence, concealed it and projected the PoC as untainted. The properties acquired by the accused person and their family members have been attached under PMLA, 2002.

Further investigation in the case is under progress.