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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed Prosecution Complaint under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) on 28/07/2023 against Sk Ashik S/o- Sk Mohammad Ali and his brother Sk Mohatab, in the Court of Special Judge, CBI, Court No. I-cum-Special Judge, (PMLA), Bhubaneswar with prayer for conviction of the accused and confiscation of properties involved in the money laundering. The Hon'ble Special Court, PMLA, Bhubaneswar, took the cognizance of the offence of money laundering as committed by the accused persons on 18.08.2023.

ED initiated investigation under PMLA on the basis of FIR and Charge sheet filed by Special Task Force, Crime Branch, Bhubaneswar, under various sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 against Sk. Ashik Ali and Sk. Mohatab Ali in connection with possession of 3 kg 265 gm of contraband 'brown sugar' with them and recovery of the same during their personal search. ED investigation revealed that they used to procure brown sugar from the drug peddlers of Medinapur area of Paschim Medinipur District, West Bengal.

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