



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has arrested Budhaditya Chattopadhyay on 10.07.2024, under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in a case related to laundering of the Proceeds of Crime (PoC) worth Rs. 37 Crore. He had allegedly generated PoC by promising the victims that he would get them allotted tender of West Bengal Health Department and asked them to deposit earnest money in the name of his proprietorship concern M/s ACWBHFWS, which was intentionally named similar to abbreviated name of Accountant Controller of West Bengal Health and Family Welfare Services i.e. ACWBHFWS. He was produced before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Kolkata, which granted him to ED custody for 6 days.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by West Bengal Police at Bidhannagar Police Station under various sections of IPC, 1860 against Budhaditya Chattopadhyay and others for duping a Bangaluru based company for Rs. 26.15 Crore.

During the investigation, it was revealed that Budhaditya Chattopadhyay has received PoC and diverted the same to various persons for personal gain. Earlier during search on 16.02.2023 in this case, an amount of Rs. 1.98 Crore lying in various bank accounts of Budhaditya Chattopadhyay and his associates/family members was also frozen and **Rs. 8.05 Lakh** cash was seized from his residence. Budhaditya Chattopadhyay was arrested under PMLA, 2002 on 10.07.2024.

Further investigation is under progress.