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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Imphal Sub-Zonal Office has provisionally attached 03 immovable properties totalling to the tune of Rs. 71 Lakh (approx.) on 30/9/2025 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. Out of the said three properties, one residential property is held by Smt. Konsam (O) Sheityabati Devi W/o Shri K. Jiban Kumar Singh, the then Finance Officer in- charge, Manipur University, to the tune of Rs. 23.95 Lakh and two pieces of agricultural land are held by Lourembam Rameshwar Meitei (Contractor), Proprietor of M/s Lourembam Enterprises to the tune of Rs. 48 Lakh, situated in Imphal.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Anti - Corruption Branch (ACB), CBI, Imphal under various Sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 alleging that the officials of Manipur University namely K. Basanta Singh, K Jiban Kumar, N Tejendro Singh and HNK Sarma (VC) and others entered into criminal conspiracy with one another, and also with the contractor Lourembam Rameshwar Meitei, Proprietor of M/s Lourembam Enterprises to cheat the Manipur University. By abusing their official positions, they had fraudulently and dishonestly shown undue favor to the contractor Lourembam Rameshwar Meitei in awarding the tender for supply of various furniture items to the International Guest House (IGH) of Manipur University. They falsely showed receipt of the furniture items in full quantities and paid the entire bill amount to M/s Lourembam Enterprises. Further, they tried to cover up the furniture items as burnt down in the purported fire incident at the Recreation Hall of MU and thereby caused huge wrongful loss to the Manipur University and the corresponding wrongful gain to themselves.

ED investigation revealed that the officials of Manipur University, awarded the tenders to M/s Lourembam Enterprises for procurement of furniture items, without following due procedures/ norms and in gross violation of Rule 148 of GFR Rules. Further that L. Rameshwar Meitei, Proprietor of M/s Lourembam Enterprises did not supply the furniture items worth Rs.64,36,502/- as per supply order, and illegally raised the bills for the above amount and also claimed installation charge of Rs.9,65,476/-. Thus, an amount of total Rs.74,01,978/- was paid illegally to L Rameshwar Meitei by the officials of Manipur University. Therefore, the amount of Rs.74,01,978/- was misappropriated by L. Rameshwar Meitei in connivance with officials of Manipur University as result of criminal activity related to a scheduled offence and thus this amount of Rs. 74,01,978 /- is nothing but the Proceeds of Crime.

Further investigation is under progress.