



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has provisionally attached fixed deposit worth Rs. 6.42 Crore of a private medical college in West Bengal under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA).

ED initiated investigation in the matter of admission of ineligible candidates under NRI quota in MBBS/MD/MS courses in private medical colleges at West Bengal and Odisha. Search was conducted on various private medical colleges in West Bengal and Odisha, agents and others. Various incriminating evidence have been seized, and statements have been recorded of the concerned persons. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has set guidelines which elucidate the eligibility criteria for the sponsors of candidates under NRI category.

ED investigation revealed that the college management in collusion with the agents, indulged in creation of fake documents like Embassy documents of NRIs, fake family tree. These Private Medical Colleges were paying the agents for preparing fake documents. The agents had also approached and obtained credentials of unrelated NRIs by paying money and used these credentials for preparing fake documents and projected these unrelated NRIs as sponsors for students. In some cases, the agents and medical colleges used the same set of NRI sponsor documents for 2-3 different and unrelated candidates. This has been done to show the compliance of guidelines laid down by Hon'ble Supreme Court and to secure the admissions for ineligible candidates under NRI quota, against huge commissions.

Despite categorical information of forgery in cases of certain NRI sponsors provided by the Ministry of External Affairs, no action has been taken by concerned state authorities. Further, during ED investigation, various Indian consulates/embassies in foreign countries have informed that NRI certificates of sponsor in many cases, which were used to secure admissions in Private Medical Colleges under NRI quota, are not genuine.

Previously, ED had attached properties worth Rs.12.33 Crore of various private medical colleges and individuals.

Further investigation is under progress.