



**Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kochi Zonal Office has successfully restituted properties amounting to Rs 89.75 Lakh to six people who had paid to the accused persons on pretext of gaining admission in MBBS course in Dr SM CSI Medical College.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of several FIRs registered against Dr Bennet Abraham and others and corresponding Chargesheets filed thereto by the Crime Branch, Kerala before Hon'ble Judicial Chief Magistrate Court-III.

ED investigation revealed that the accused persons had collected money from parents/students in the pretext of giving admissions in MBBS/ PG courses in Dr SM CSI Medical College Karakonam while being aware of the fact that such admissions have been discontinued after introduction of NEET. Further, the Director Dr Bennet Abraham and Comptroller of Dr SM CSI Medical College collected money from parents in the guise of donations/ advance fees for admissions in MBBS/ PG courses in this college. Subsequently, Hon'ble High Court of Kerala directed the Admission Supervisory Committee for Medical Education in Kerala to conduct an enquiry into the allegations against the office bearers of Dr.SM CSI Medical College & Hospital Karakonam.

During investigation under PMLA, searches were conducted on 25.07.2022 and 04.08.2022 at several premises which resulted in seizure of electronic items and records of incriminating nature were found and seized.

Thereafter, Provisional Attachment Order dated 22.11.2022 was issued for attachment of Rs 95.25 Lakh identified as Proceeds of Crime (POC) and subsequently Prosecution Complaint was filed before Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA) and the same was marked as SC no 03/2024.

Further, the victims in this case filed petitions before the Court for restitution of the properties u/s 8(8) of PMLA and Ld Special Court vide its order dated 10.02.2025 allowed the petition.

Consequently, ED took initiative for restoration/ restitution of the properties and the same have been successfully passed on to the affected persons. ED is taking proactive steps to restitute the balance proceeds of crime to the other victims of the case upon their application before ED and Hon'ble Special Court.