



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has provisionally attached movable & immovable properties amounting to **Rs. 27.19 Crore** in the West Bengal Central SSC (Group C & D staff) Recruitment Scam of West Bengal held in the name of three tea estates of Prasanna Kumar Roy namely M/s Samsing Organic Tea Private Limited, M/s Yangtong Organic Tea Private Limited & M/s Bamandanga Tea Estate Private Limited. The attached properties consist of Bungalows, Factory, Plants & Machineries and Vehicles. These properties were acquired from the cash collected from various undeserving candidates for their illegal appointments to the post of Group-C & D staff.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court recently vide judgement dated 03.04.2025 in SLP (Civil) 9586 of 2024 in the matter of State of West Bengal versus Baishakhi Bhattacharya (Chatterjee) & Ors, quashed the appointments of more than 25000 teaching and non-teaching staff by the West Bengal Central SSC terming the entire selection process as vitiated and tainted.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of two FIRs registered by the CBI under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in the matter of illegal appointment of Group 'C' and 'D' employees to the undeserving, non-listed and below ranked candidates and depriving the deserving and genuine candidates. The allegation includes appointment without maintaining fairness, in criminal conspiracy by various persons and by flouting the relevant Rules.

ED has earlier attached properties worth **Rs. 219.91 Crore** in this case of Group C & D staff Recruitment Scam in the State of West Bengal and arrested Prasanna Kumar Roy (the main middleman involved in the collection of money and details from candidates) and Chandan Mondal (main agent of Prasanna Kumar Roy) and both are presently in judicial custody.

In a related case of Assistant Teacher Recruitment Scam (SSC Asst. Teachers 9th to 12th), the ED has earlier attached properties worth **Rs. 238.78 Crore**. In another case of Primary Teachers Recruitment Scam in the State of West Bengal, ED has already attached/seized properties worth **Rs. 151 Crore**. Thus, the total attachment by ED Kolkata in the recruitment scam cases now stands at **Rs. 636.88 Crore**.

Further investigation is under progress.