



## **Press Release**

**26.02.2022**

Enforcement Directorate has filed a Prosecution Complaint under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Hon'ble Special Judge (PMLA), Kolkata against Wasim Rahaman, Wajid Ali & Md Gulam Gaus for the offence of money laundering. The cognizance has been taken by the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA) in this matter on 25/02/2022.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of a case registered by Wild Life Crime Control Cell & Data Management Unit, WB under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Wasim Rahaman along with his accomplices was arrested by officials of Wild Life Crime Control Cell, West Bengal, Kolkata on 01.06.2019 for their involvement in illicit trafficking of protected wild life. ED carried out search operation at Wasim Rahaman residential premises in Howrah on 16.03.2021. During the investigation by ED, it was revealed that Wasim Rahaman was actively involved in smuggling of wild life animals, which were protected species under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and the proceeds of crime worth Rs. 2.21 Crore in the form of Land, Flats & bank balance were provisionally attached.

Further investigation is in progress.

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