



**PRESS RELEASE**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow has provisionally attached immovable and movable properties in the form of 18 agricultural lands pertaining to Liquor Manufacturing Unit situated at Tapri Saharanpur, UP and amount in bank account worth **Rs. 20.38 Crore** belonging to **M/s Cooperative Company Limited (CCL), Saharanpur, UP** under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of two FIRs registered by U.P. Police at Police Station Kotwali Saharanpur, U.P. under various sections of IPC, 1860 against Directors/employees of M/s Cooperative Company Limited (herein after referred to as "CCL"), Tapri, Saharanpur along with others for illegal sale of unaccounted liquor manufactured by CCL.

ED investigation revealed that the officials of CCL in collusion with CL-2 warehouse owners conspired to make duplicate forged Bar Code and QR code for supply of illegally manufactured Desi Liquor on a single Gate Pass to CL2 godown owners. Subsequently the liquor was sold to various liquor shops/market without any paper work with an intent to evade state excise duty thereby causing a loss Govt. revenue to the tune of Rs. 34.73 Crore and gain to the owner of the abovesaid company and its' associated persons.

Earlier in the matter, a Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) dated 24/05/2023 was issued attaching amount of Rs.11.26 Lakh, recovered and seized from the premises of associated persons/entities during a search conducted on 29.07.2021. The Hon'ble Adjudicating Authority, New Delhi confirmed the abovesaid PAO vide Order of Confirmation dated 06.11.2023. This is the 2nd Provisional Attachment Order in this case and the total value of attached properties stands at **Rs. 20.50 Crore**.

Further investigation is under progress.