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Directorate of Enforcement, Bengaluru Zonal Office, has filed a Prosecution Complaint on 25/07/2026 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, before the Hon'ble Special Court (CCH-1), Bengaluru against M/s. Gameskraft Technologies, M/s. RummyTime Technologies Pvt. Ltd., and its founders/Directors, Vikas Taneja, Prithvi Raj Singh, Deepak Singh Ahlawat, and their associated persons, in the case of RummyCulture App. & Others, for their involvement in laundering Proceeds of Crime generated by cheating the online real money gaming (Rummy games) users.

ED initiated investigation under the provisions of the PMLA, 2002, on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by the LEA in the state of Telangana for offences of cheating under the provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, which are scheduled offences under the PMLA.).

Investigation conducted under the provisions of the PMLA revealed that the accused companies were engaged in the business of hosting online rummy games under multiple brands, namely **RummyCulture, RummyPrime, Playship Rummy, and RummyTime**. As platform operators, these companies charged a **platform fee/commission ranging from 10% to 15%** of the total stake amount. Being intermediaries, they were legally obligated to provide a fair, transparent, and secure gaming environment.

However, the investigation revealed that the **RummyCulture** platform extensively deployed **Bots** (*automated programs/algorithms*) to play **against gullible users without their knowledge or consent**. The investigation further established that the accused companies adopted several deceptive practices to retain users, increase user engagement, and encourage higher wagering on their online rummy platforms. These practices included offering free bonus credits to new users, deposit bonuses, referral incentives, and rewards under various promotional schemes (*however, these incentives were released in a phased manner, thereby effectively increasing the number of gameplays)*.

In addition to these incentives, the companies have aggressively promoted their platforms through frequent push notifications, SMS messages, telemarketing calls, and endorsements by brand ambassadors, thereby creating the misleading impression that users could easily earn or win money through playing online rummy. Furthermore, the companies imposed restrictive conditions on the withdrawal of users' deposits and winnings, including withdrawal charges ranging from 5% to 10% in certain cases, while simultaneously motivating users to convert their withdrawable balances into Game Cash instead of withdrawing the funds. Users who had become inactive due to financial losses were further lured to resume gaming through the issuance of 'Instant Cash' rewards (*the quantum of incentive was based on their revenue contribution to the platforms)*. Through **these fraudulent inducements and manipulative practices, the accused companies have effectively promoted addictive gaming behavior among users**. These unscrupulous practices collectively resulted in substantial financial losses and severe mental distress to the users. In few cases, **the financial and psychological distress has led to suicides** that were subsequently registering in FIRs, and the cause of death is due to addiction & loss of money in these online rummy gaming. The **total Proceeds of Crime generated by these accused companies, in the form of Commission is Rs.19,984 Crore (approx..),** for the financial years 2017-18 to 2025-26 (till 22/08/2025).

Further investigation has revealed that **the Proceeds of Crime generated through the above activities were subsequently layered and integrated through payment of Dividends & Buy-back of shares to shareholders**. Further, these proceeds were concealed in the form of investments in mutual funds, bonds, convertible notes, equity shares, movable assets and high-value immovable properties, including those held through family trusts and associated entities, thereby projecting them as untainted properties.

So far, the **ED has attached, seized, and frozen the Proceeds of Crime in the form of movable & immovable assets, amounting Rs. 2401 Crore (approx..),** which are registered in or held in the names of the accused persons, their family members, and their private family trusts & entities.

Further investigation is in progress