



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Madurai Sub Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 03.09.2026 at 06 residential premises located in Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with money laundering investigation related to illegal trafficking of psychotropic substances viz. Methamphetamine and Ganja.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of the complaint filed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Chennai Zonal Unit before the Hon'ble Special Court for EC & NDPS Act cases with regard to illegal trafficking of psychotropic substances viz. Methamphetamine and Ganja.

During their investigation, NCB intercepted M. Alex of Vilundamavadi, Nagapattinam on 13.04.2025 near Bharathi Nagar on the Pudukkottai-Madurai Road at Melavilakudi while carrying Methamphetamine Hydrochloride and it was found that M. Alex is a repeated offender. He and his father, Mahalingam, were accused in various other FIRs registered by Tamil Nadu Police during 2023 and 2024 for trafficking of Methamphetamine and Ganja.

ED investigation revealed that M. Alex had earned substantial illegal income by trafficking Ganja and Methamphetamine. The Proceeds of Crime generated from drug trafficking were invested in acquiring numerous immovable properties, shrimp farms located at Nagapattinam, Velankanni and Thaliyamadi and movable assets like vehicles. These assets were acquired in the names of M. Alex and his family members. Investigation further revealed that the Proceeds of Crime were layered through the bank accounts of family members of M. Alex and third parties. Loans were raised in the names of family members and other third-party associates which was later repaid out of the Proceeds of Crime in cash and routed through certain other entities.

Search operations resulted in seizure of various digital devices and incriminating documents related to the monetary transactions and immovable property investments by the accused persons.

Further investigation is under progress.