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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Chennai Zonal Office has provisionally attached 3 immovable properties registered in the name of S. Shankar, with a total value of Rs.10.11 Crore (approx.) on 17/02/2025 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of a complaint filed by Aarur Tamilnadan against S. Shankar before the 13th Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Egmore, Chennai, on 19 May 2011 (CC No. 2067/2011). The complaint alleges that the storyline of the movie *Enthiran (Robot)*, directed by S. Shankar, was copied from a story titled *Jiguba* authored by Aarur Tamilnadan, thereby rendering S. Shankar liable for violations under the Copyright Act, 1957, and IPC, 1860.

ED investigation revealed that S. Shankar received a substantial remuneration of Rs. 11.5 Crore for his multifaceted contributions to *Enthiran*, including story development, screenplay, dialogues, and direction. Furthermore, an independent report by the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) identified striking similarities between the story *Jiguba* and the movie *Enthiran*. This report, which examined narrative structure, character development, and thematic elements, lends significant support to the plagiarism allegations against Shankar. The movie 'Enthiran' (Robot) featuring Rajnikant and Aishwarya Rai as main lead grossed Rs. 290 Crore worldwide, making it an all-time blockbuster at the time.

Based on the substantial evidence and records in hand, it has been determined that S. Shankar has violated Section 63 of the Copyright Act, 1957—a violation now classified as a scheduled offence under the PMLA, 2002.

Further investigation is under progress.