Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Panaji Zonal Office, filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) on 11.09.2026 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 against Siddique @ Suleman Khan before the Ld. Special Court under the PMLA, District and Sessions Court, North Goa, Merces.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of four Charge Sheets filed by the Special Investigation Team (Land Grabbing), Crime Branch, Goa Police, arising out of FIRs registered by Mapusa Police Station and Valpoi Police Station, Goa.

ED investigation revealed that Siddique @ Suleman Khan, a habitual offender involved in land-grabbing cases, devised a criminal conspiracy to grab valuable immovable properties in North Goa belonging to their true owners. The *modus operandi* involved fabricating deeds of sale, planting them in the registration records of the offices of the Sub-Registrars of Bardez and Valpoi with the use of counterfeit stamps and seals. The investigation established that the accused monetised his fraudulent claim over the grabbed properties and laundered the proceeds so realised through the bank accounts of third parties and benami account-holders, and through a partnership firm operated with the use of a second PAN, converting the same substantially into cash so as to project the Proceeds of Crime as legitimate. The immovable properties so grabbed, valued at ₹ 278 Crore (Approx), were identified as Proceeds of Crime and provisionally attached by ED under PMLA, 2002. Siddique @ Suleman Khan was arrested by ED on 16.07.2026 and on completion of his ED Custody, he was remanded to Judicial Custody and presently continues at the Central Jail, Colvale. The Prosecution Complaint was filed against him before the Ld. Special Court, PMLA, Merces, Goa.

Further investigation is under progress.