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ED Conducts Searches in International Narcotics Money Laundering Case:

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Panaji Zonal Office, has conducted search operations at 26 premises across multiple States, including Goa, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Odisha and Delhi, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in the case of Madhupan SS which involved illegal narcotics trafficking (domestic and international) and subsequent Money Laundering.

The searches were carried out pursuant to the ECIR registered by the ED on the basis of an FIR registered by the Anti-Narcotics Cell, Goa Police, under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, for trafficking of narcotic substances in commercial quantities.

The search operations revealed the existence of a well-organized inter-State drug trafficking syndicate. Further, the distribution of narcotic substances on a business-to-business (B2B) basis has been traced across multiple States, namely Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, and Kerala.

Further, during the course of the search operations, the ED seized approx. 3 Crore cash, alongwith incriminating documents and digital devices. During the search ED came across narcotics drugs for which effective coordination was made with NCB and Police authorities for the seizure of contraband. In one case, the accused has been arrested by the Delhi Police.

Analysis of the seized digital devices and documents has revealed evidence indicating:

- Large-scale supply of narcotic substances, including MDMA, Ecstasy, Hash, Kush, Shrooms, Rashol Cream, Cocaine, Super Cream, etc., within India and across multiple States;
- Systematic use of courier and postal channels for the transportation of narcotic substances;

- Channelization of proceeds of crime through UPI, bank transfers, cryptocurrency, and cash transactions; and
- Layering and concealment of proceeds of crime through the use of complex financial channels.

The investigation has further revealed linkages with suppliers and the active involvement of multiple associates and facilitators in the narcotics supply chain and laundering of illicit proceeds.

Madhupan SS was arrested under section 19 of the PMLA, 2002. The Special Court under PMLA at Goa has remanded the accused in ED Custody for 7 days.

ED remains firmly committed to dismantling organised drug trafficking networks and disrupting the financial channels used for laundering the Proceeds of Crime. ED reiterates its resolve to combat drug trafficking and money laundering through the effective and comprehensive use of the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and other relevant laws.

In alignment with the objectives of the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, the ED continues to act decisively to dismantle drug trafficking networks by targeting their financial foundations. By identifying, tracing, and attaching properties acquired from drug-related proceeds, the ED is strengthening the national mission to achieve a drug-free India.

This operation underscores the ED’s sustained efforts to curb the illegal drug trade, trace and attach Proceeds of Crime, and deliver a strong deterrent message against such unlawful activities. Further investigation in the matter is ongoing to identify all beneficiaries and facilitators and to trace assets generated from the illicit activities.











