Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement, Guwahati Zonal Office-I, has on 19.09.2026 arrested Deepesh Bajoria, resident of Zoo Road, Guwahati, under Section 19(1) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, in the money-laundering investigation arising out of ECIR/GWZO-I/06/2023 dated 30.03.2023 and the Addenda thereto.

The said ECIR was recorded on the basis of FIR No. 12/2021 dated 11.10.2021 registered by Crime Branch, Guwahati and connected FIRs registered by Tinsukia Police Station and Panbazar Police Station, Guwahati, for offences punishable under Sections 120B, 406 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 read with Sections 13 and 14 of the Assam Game and Betting Act, 1970, in respect of an organised illegal cricket-betting syndicate operating during the Indian Premier League seasons across Assam and the wider north-eastern region.

Investigation has revealed that Deepesh Bajoria acted as a principal bookie in the syndicate, using the online betting platforms *www.skyexchange.com* and *www.winner7.io* and encrypted messaging channels for the solicitation, acceptance and settlement of illegal bettors/punters, and that funds derived from such activity were routed through the bank account of the partnership firm M/s DRM Coke, in which he is admittedly a partner. The said account of M/s DRM Coke, though held out as belonging to a non-operational firm, recorded credits of Rs. 28.12 crore (Approx.) and corresponding debits of Rs. 28.03 crore (Approx.) during the period 19.04.2022 to 15.05.2026, and was used primarily for routing betting funds.

Searches conducted at the premises of Deepesh Bajoria on 26.05.2026 under Section 17 of the PMLA, 2002 resulted in the recovery of property documents, luxury vehicle records etc, and digital data from the email accounts and mobile devices connected with him were imaged. The material collected, read together with the statements recorded under Section 50 of the PMLA, 2002, establishes that Deepesh Bajoria has knowingly engaged in the acquisition, possession, use, transfer and projection of proceeds of crime as untainted property. Investigation has further revealed substantial financial transactions and movement of funds through various persons/entities. Investigation also revealed discrepancies between the explanations offered regarding the nature and purpose of certain financial transactions and the evidence subsequently gathered during investigation. The source, movement, utilization and ultimate beneficiaries of such funds are under investigation.

Further, the conduct of Deepesh Bajoria during the course of investigation, including his conduct subsequent to the search proceedings, was also examined along with other material collected during investigation.

Accordingly, on the basis of the material and evidence gathered during investigation, Deepesh Bajoria was arrested by ED on 19.09.2026 under Section 19(1) of the PMLA, 2002. After his arrest, Deepesh Bajoria was produced before the Hon'ble CBI Court No. 3, Guwahati (Designated Special (PMLA) Court). The Hon'ble Court remanded him to ED custody for a period of 6 days for further investigation.

Further investigation is under progress.