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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jaipur Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 19.09.2026 at 02 premises in Jaisalmer under the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, (FEMA), 1999 in connection with the misuse of foreign donations of about Rs. 5.10 Crore, received from a Belgium based entity without FCRA registration and used for the purposes other than those declared.

ED initiated the investigation under the provisions of FEEMA, 1999, on the basis of specific intelligence that one Deu Ram, a resident of Jaisalmer, was illegally receiving foreign funds from Belgium-based entities for proselytization and conversion activities among vulnerable sections of society in Jaisalmer.

Investigation revealed that Deu Ram and his associate Gyan Chand received total foreign funds of about Rs. 5.10 Crore, mainly by showing the purpose as educational services, cultural & recreational activities, and inward remittances from non-resident Indians towards family maintenance and savings. Most of these funds were received from Amar ASBL, which claims to be a non-profit organisation based in Brussels, Belgium.

During the search operations, various incriminating documents and digital evidence were recovered. The searches further revealed that Amar ASBL was set up in Brussels in 2011 and is managed by two Belgian nationals, Jose Goffinet and his son Salian Goffinet. Although the organisation works exclusively in Jaisalmer, it has not registered any trust or NGO in India. Instead, it has been operating in Jaisalmer through Deu Ram and Gyan Chand for the last 14–15 years.

Further, it is revealed that Deu Ram received foreign donations of Rs. 5.10 Crore from Amar ASBL without FCRA permission by mis-declaring the purpose, and ultimately used these funds for his personal expenses and for influencing the cultural and religious beliefs of vulnerable section under the garb of providing educational services to their children under the influence of Belgium entity. Out of these funds, he withdrew about Rs. 2.60 Crore in cash from his bank account. No proper books of account or financial records were maintained for the receipt and use of these foreign donations.

It is prima facie revealed that Deu Ram and Gyan Chand are in regular touch with Jose Goffinet and Salian Goffinet, who visit Jaisalmer every year for 2–3 weeks, meet the parents and relatives of these children, and organise meetings and religious gatherings to promote their cultural and religious beliefs and practices.

Significantly, the foreign funds from Amar ASBL were reported to the bank under various purpose codes, including family maintenance and savings, educational services, cultural/recreational services, commission agent services and compensation of employees. However, no educational, cultural or recreational services were actually rendered to Amar ASBL; instead, the funds were being managed and deployed for the organisation's activities in Jaisalmer.

The investigation has also revealed that after the banks recently declined foreign remittances into the accounts of Deu Ram and Gyan Chand, attempts were made to route the foreign funds through the personal bank accounts of other related persons in Jaisalmer.

Further investigation is under progress.

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