



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Mumbai Zonal Office, has issued a Provisional Attachment Order under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the case of Prabhudas Virchand Lotia & Others, attaching 02 immovable properties having an aggregate value of approximately Rs 332.24 Crore. The attached properties include Hotel Rangsharda situated at Bandra, Mumbai, and a land parcel located at Prabhadevi, Mumbai which are under the possession and control of M/s Rang Sharda Hotels Private Limited.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Bandra Police Station, Mumbai, on a complaint lodged by the Trustees of Rang Sharda Pratishthan regarding offences of cheating and criminal breach of trust allegedly committed by Prabhudas Virchand Lotia and M/s Rang Sharda Hotels Pvt. Ltd. in relation to a land parcel allotted by MHADA to Rang Sharda Pratishthan Trust at a concessional rate exclusively for the promotion of Marathi theatre, literature and cultural activities.

The investigation conducted under the provisions of the PMLA, 2002 in the matter has revealed that Prabhudas Virchand Lotia acting through M/s Rang Sharda Hotels Pvt. Ltd., wrongfully appropriated and exercised control over the land allotted to Trust and commercially exploited the same in violation of the conditions of allotment and regulatory approvals. The investigation has further revealed that the M/s Rang Sharda Hotels Pvt. Ltd failed to hand over the Drama Theatre and artists' accommodation to the Trust as required and instead utilized the property for operating a hotel, lodging house, restaurant, liquor bar, banquet facilities and other commercial establishments without obtaining the requisite statutory approvals. Further, Prabhudas Virchand Lotia acting through M/s Rang Sharda Hotels Pvt. Ltd caused unauthorized sale of commercial premises at the land allotted to Rang Sharda Pratishthan Trust and used such proceeds to acquire another property at Prabhadevi, Mumbai.

The total Proceeds of Crime identified during the investigation have been estimated at approximately Rs 512 Crore including the revenues generated through hotel operations, lodging house, restaurant, liquor bar, banquet facilities along with other income including rentals.

Further investigation is under progress.