



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Panaji Zonal Office has provisionally attached three immovable properties having a total market value of Rs. 6.27 Crore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with a money laundering investigation against Estevan D'Souza and others.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by Goa Police at Porvorim Police Station and the Economic Offences Cell (EOC), Goa under various Sections of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, relating to criminal conspiracy, cheating, impersonation and forgery.

Investigation revealed that Estevan D'Souza, Moses Fernandes and Mohammed Suhail, in criminal conspiracy with others, fraudulently grabbed several immovable properties in Goa by impersonating original owners and using forged documents such as fake sale deeds, fabricated identity credentials and forged Power of Attorney. The accused persons also induced buyers and collected money by fraudulently executing sale deeds and agreements in respect of these illegally acquired properties.

Earlier, ED had attached immovable properties worth Rs. 11.82 Crore and Rs. 60.05 Crore in the present case, which were fraudulently acquired by the accused persons in their own names and in the names of their family members. The said attachments have subsequently been confirmed by the Ld. Adjudicating Authority under PMLA.

Further, ED has also filed a Prosecution Complaint against Estevan D'Souza and others before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Goa for the offence of money laundering arising out of the said scheduled offences. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the Prosecution Complaint and the matter is presently under trial.

ED investigation further revealed that the accused persons fraudulently mutated three additional immovable properties in the names of their family members using forged documents, and such properties constitute Proceeds of Crime under Section 2(1)(u) of the PMLA, 2002. These properties, having an aggregate market value of Rs. 6.27 Crore have now been provisionally attached under Section 5(1) of the PMLA, 2002, as they represent direct Proceeds of Crime.

With the present attachment, the total value of properties attached in this case stands at approximately **Rs. 78.14 Crore**.

Further investigation is under progress.