



**Press Release**  
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Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Abdul Gafoor, on 24.03.2022 in connection with investigation in money laundering case against Nishad and others in fake crypto Morris Coin Case.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Crime Branch, Malappuram and investigation report submitted by the DSP, Crime Branch, Malappuram against Nishad and others wherein Nishad was the main accused, who cheated several investors by accepting investments, under a Ponzi scheme, through his three Bengaluru based firms; (1) Long Reach Global, (2) Long Reach Technologies and (3) Morris Trading, by offering high returns of dividend such as 3% to 5% per day. As per FIR, more than 900 investors were cheated to the tune of Rs 1200 Crore. The offences under Section 420 of IPC is scheduled offence of the PMLA, 2002.

Investigation by ED revealed that Nishad, the main accused person, had appointed those persons as pin stockist, who had invested a minimum of Rs.10 lakhs in Nishad's scheme and Nishad promised them that he would give 5% as commission on the investment. They made aggressive enrolment of new members into an illegal money circulation scheme under the garb of multi-level marketing, resorted to the fraudulent practice of investing the money received from the investors in the Morris Coin Cryptocurrency plan run by Nishad and others. This further lead to viral proliferation of the network of the scheme and thereby made huge wrongful gain at the cost of investors.

During the investigation, it was revealed that Abdul Gafoor is one of the main pin stockists of the Morris Coin Scheme, has facilitated the placement and layering of the proceeds of crime. However, Abdul Gafoor was not co-operating with the investigation and was very evasive in his replies to the queries.

For the above reasons and also considering the fact that Abdul Gafoor is one of the directors of M/s. Stoxglobal Brokers Pvt. Ltd and as he has played an active role in facilitating the placement and layering of proceeds of crime, he has been placed under arrest on 24.03.2022. Further, the accused was produced before the Honourable PMLA Special Court on 25.03.2022 and the court had ordered judicial custody of the accused with a direction to file remand application on 26.03.2022. Court has granted ED custody of the accused till 31.03.2022.

Further Investigation is in progress.

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