



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kochi Zonal Office has released properties to the tune of Rs. 1.07 Crore to M/s Kandala Service Co-operative Bank on 21.08.2025 in pursuance of order issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. ED is taking proactive steps to identify the balance Proceeds of Crime involved in this case.

ED initiated investigation against N. Bhasurangan, the then President and other officials of Kandala Service Co-operative Bank, Maranalloor, Thiruvananthapuram, in pursuance of multiple FIRs registered for alleged offences under Section 420 of the IPC, 1860. The said FIRs accused the bank officials of deceiving depositors by promising higher returns and then failing to return the deposited amounts.

ED investigation under PMLA, 2002 revealed that N. Bhasurangan & his associates have made unlawful gain with a corresponding loss to the Kandala Service Co-operative Bank, by indulging in several irregularities in the management of the Bank viz. spending ineligible amount for appointment of staff, providing them salary & promotions, ineligible amount spent for construction, irregularities in sanctioning Loans/MDS, ineligible amount spent for purchase of vehicles, etc.

Searches u/s 17 of PMLA, 2002 were conducted on 08.11.2023 and 09.11.2023 at the office premises of M/s Kandala Service Co-operative Bank and the residences of key individuals resulting in the seizure of electronic devices, movable properties such as gold and vehicle, apart from incriminating records. N. Bhasurangan (the then President, Kandala Service Co-operative Bank) and his son Akhiljith J. B. were arrested u/s 19 of PMLA, 2002 on 21.11.2023. Provisional Attachment Order attaching movable/immovable properties was issued on 18/1/2024 which was confirmed by the Ld. Adjudicating Authority. Prosecution Complaint was also filed against N. Bhasurangan and others.