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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) on 28.01.2025 before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA) in Mumbai under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 against nineteen broking entities and their Directors for colluding with officials of **National Spot Exchange Limited (NSEL)** to allure investors to trade on NSEL platform. The Hon'ble Special Court has taken cognizance of the PC on 3/02/2025.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered under various sections of Indian Penal Code, 1860.

ED investigation in respect of broking companies revealed that after getting registered with NSEL, they misled their clients by providing false assurances about the exchange and promoting illegal pair trade contracts that were not allowed. In collusion with broking companies, NSEL established a system that bypassed the collection of warehouse receipts or physical commodities for their clients, knowing they were facilitating trades in such a manner.

The broking companies entered into a criminal conspiracy with NSEL to allure the investors to trade onto NSEL platform in promise of hefty returns, thereby cheating the investors through a fraudulent scheme. The brokerage earned through these illegal means was further utilized in business operations resulting in layering and integration of Proceeds of Crime (POC) and projecting them as untainted funds. The brokerage earned by the broking companies through unlawful means to the tune of Rs. 34.74 Crore was also attached under provisions of PMLA, 2002 and the same has been confirmed by the Ld. Adjudicating Authority, PMLA, New Delhi.

During the course of investigation under PMLA, 2002 properties totalling to the tune of Rs. 3288.76 Crore have been attached by issuing 32 Provisional Attachment Orders. Earlier, 06 Prosecution Complaints have been filed in the case against 94 accused persons. Further investigation is under progress.
