



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Panaji Zonal Office, has provisionally attached immovable properties worth **Rs. 60.05 Crore** in connection with its ongoing investigation against Estevan Dsouza and others, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The properties are held in the name of Smt. Rosa Maria Dsouza, grandmother of Estevan Dsouza. This attachment is in addition to an earlier Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) dated 08.11.2023, vide which properties worth Rs. 11.82 Crore were attached which was confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority on 08.04.2024.

The assets attached now comprise land parcels in Village Pilerne, Bardez, Goa, which were found to have been unlawfully acquired using forged sale deeds and fabricated affidavit-cum-No Objection Certificates (NOCs).

ED initiated its probe on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by the Goa Police against Estevan Dsouza and others, under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, for offences including cheating and forgery involving illegal transfer of property ownership using fake documentation.

ED investigation revealed that Estevan Dsouza played a key role in the alleged land scam, in collusion with Md. Suhail and others. They are alleged to have orchestrated a systematic scheme involving the forgery and manipulation of land-related documents, including sale deeds, to fraudulently acquire multiple high-value properties. These documents were then misrepresented as genuine to lend a façade of legitimacy to the illegal transactions.

Further investigation is under progress.