



**Press Release**

**07.03.2022**

Enforcement Directorate has arrested Subhash Sharma, S/o Lokeshwar Prasad Sharma on 06.03.2022 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with a bank fraud case.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by Chhattisgarh State Police and CBI against Subhash Sharma & others for fraudulently obtaining loans from various banks through companies owned and controlled by him. The total Proceeds of Crime (POC) involved in the above FIRs is around Rs. 54 Crore.

Investigations by ED revealed that during the period from December, 2009 to December, 2014, the loans obtained fraudulently by the companies owned and controlled by Subhash Sharma were diverted and used for investment in non-intended businesses and part of the Proceeds of Crime was also utilized to purchase immovable properties in the name of shell entities. Most of the companies of Subhash Sharma did not have any business activities and were created only for the purpose of transfer/routing of loan funds received in his companies to other companies.

Two PAO attaching movable and immovable properties valuing Rs. 39.68 Crore derived out of the Proceeds of Crime has been issued.

The Hon'ble Special Judge, PMLA Court, Raipur, Chhattisgarh has granted 10 days' ED custody of the arrestee Subash Sharma.

Further investigation in the case is in progress.

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