



## **Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Chennai Zonal Office has conducted search operations across Chennai, Trichy and Coimbatore on 07/04/2025 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at 15 premises associated with M/s Truedom EPC India Pvt Ltd and its key personnel.

ED initiated an investigation based on an FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against M/s Truedom EPC India Pvt Ltd and others for alleged bank fraud involving the misappropriation of loan funds amounting to Rs. 30 Crore sanctioned by Indian Overseas Bank (IOB).

ED investigations revealed that M/s Truedom EPC India Pvt Ltd, a shell entity with no wind energy experience, was created solely to divert loan funds under the guise of a 100.8 MW windmill project. The funds were immediately routed through associated shell entities with no real activity, and after layering, substantial amounts were transferred to M/s True Value Homes Pvt Ltd and M/s TVH Energy Resources Pvt Ltd to settle existing liabilities. The setup including fake project agreements and paper entities was designed to mask the diversion, with no repayment effort made before the loan was declared fraudulent.

During the search operations, various incriminating documents, digital records, and property documents were seized, indicating the layering and siphoning-off of funds. Notably, evidence suggests the involvement of key individuals, including N. Ravichandran and Arun Nehru, in orchestrating the diversion of funds.

Additionally, evidences recovered during the search point to a deep-rooted and systemic corruption network within the Municipal Administration and Water supply Department (MAWS), Tamil Nadu. The findings reveal pre-fixed commissions for awarding tenders, rigged procurement processes, and a well-organized nexus of officials, middlemen, and politically linked individuals. The investigation has also uncovered a pattern of illegitimate funds being layered and siphoned through interconnected entities, suggesting the existence of a broader financial and administrative cartel operating across the state. Huge amount of hawala transactions have been executed across the state for placing illegitimate funds to intended purposes. Evidences of bribe collection for transfer/posting of officials of the Municipal Administration and Water supply Department (MAWS), Tamil Nadu have also been found. Further investigation is underway to trace the full scope of this web and quantify the resulting loss to the public exchequer.

ED has also identified assets and properties acquired using the Proceeds of Crime (POC) and is in the process of quantifying and attaching these under the provisions of PMLA, 2002. Further investigation is ongoing to trace additional assets, identify other beneficiaries, and unravel the complete modus operandi of the accused persons and entities involved.