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ED conducts searches in NDPS-linked money laundering case involving seizure of 82.53 Kg cocaine in Delhi; Rs. 70 Lakh cash seized, 110 mule bank accounts frozen.

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Delhi Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 14.11.2025 at five locations across Delhi NCR and Jaipur under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with an ongoing investigation into a major narcotics trafficking and money laundering network. During the searches, the ED seized unaccounted cash amounting to Rs. 70 lakh, along with incriminating documents, digital devices, and financial records.

The case pertains to the seizure of 82.53 kilograms of cocaine by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in November 2024, which led to the registration of Complaint No. 36/2024 by NCB against several individuals and entities involved in a global drug trafficking syndicate.

The searches also indicated an online betting and gambling network being operated through mobile-based applications. The search operation resulted in the freezing of 110 mule bank accounts, including 73 accounts linked with UPI IDs and digital wallets, that were actively used for handling transactions related to the betting operations. Furthermore, documents and digital evidence seized during the searches have exposed the use of Dubai-based crypto currency wallets for transfer of funds.

The searches form part of ED's continued efforts to dismantle the financial ecosystem supporting narcotics cartels and digital laundering networks. Further investigation is underway to trace the ultimate beneficiaries and to identify additional domestic and foreign assets created from the Proceeds of Crime.