



Press Release

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ED, Chennai has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) on 10/09/2024 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Hon'ble XIII Additional CBI Court, Chennai in the case of Jaffer Sadiq and others. A total of 20 persons have been arraigned as accused in the said PC. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the PC on 18/10/2024.

Jaffer Sadiq Abdul Rehman, stands accused as the mastermind behind an international drug trafficking syndicate. His involvement includes smuggling pseudoephedrine to Australia, New Zealand & Malaysia disguised as health-mix powder and desiccated coconut. He has laundered Proceeds of Crime (POC) through movie production, real estate acquisitions, logistics fronts, and hospitality business. ED initiated investigation on the basis of investigations by Customs and NCB, New Delhi for violations under various sections of NDPS Act, 1985. Subsequently search action in the case of Jaffer Sadiq and others under PMLA was executed on 15 premises across Chennai, Trichy and Madurai and during the course of search proceedings incriminating documents were found.

More than 30 Crore cash deposits were discovered across various entities controlled by Jaffer Sadiq and his associates. This cash, allegedly generated from narcotics trade, was channelised into film production under the JSM Pictures banner using the financiers. Substantial cash payments were also made to actors, directors, and support staff in the Tamil movie industry. Records of these payments were maintained in Excel sheets. Crucial evidence, including chats and Excel screenshots, along with admissions from key individuals, corroborates these activities.

Jaffer Sadiq has been Director/ Partner/ Prop. of various firms/ entities/ companies along with other persons and relatives, which has been used to channelize and layering the POC. This entire set up was used to route the POC earned from the illicit drug trafficking. On September 2, 2024, the ED in Chennai provisionally attached assets worth Rs 55.30 Crore belonging to Jaffer Sadiq and associates. This includes 14 immovable properties, such as the JSM Residency Hotel and a luxurious bungalow, and 7 high-end vehicles like Jaguar and Mercedes, acquired through criminal activities.

ED, Chennai had earlier on 26.06.2024 arrested Jaffer Sadiq and on 12.08.2024 arrested Mohammed Saleem under PMLA, 2002 for the offence of money laundering. Both the accused are currently under Judicial Custody.