



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Nagpur Sub-Zonal Office has carried out search operations at 02 premises in Chennai on 22.05.2025, linked to Abdul Jaffer who is involved in large scale smuggling of Red Sanders to Dubai by way of replacing the declared goods being exported by reputed entities with Red Sanders in transit through his clout of Syndicate. Search operations unraveled several properties in the form of land, building, flat and high-end vehicles acquired by the accused out of Proceeds of Crime which runs into crores of rupees including other incriminating materials.

During the search operation, Abdul Jaffer has been nabbed who was on run since last 4 Years and was not appearing despite issuance of several summons in deliberate disregard of the judicial proceedings. He has been brought to Nagpur under Transit Remand issued by Ld. Jurisdiction Court at Chennai. After that, he has been produced before Special Court (PMLA), Nagpur on 24.05.2025. The Hon'ble Court pleased to grant ED custody till 28.05.2025.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of a Prosecution Complaint filed by DRI, Nagpur under Section 135 of the Customs Act, 1962 against said Abdul Jaffer and others.

ED investigation revealed that he had smuggled out total 13 consignments of Red Sanders to Dubai by way of replacing the declared goods i.e. Sponge Iron which was being exported by a Raipur based entity. The value of total smuggled Red Sanders has been calculated to be **Rs. 68.00 Crore** (Approx.) which excludes one consignment so intercepted and seized by DRI when it was being attempted to be smuggled. Apart from the above, investigation also disclosed that his name was figured out in several other smuggling cases of Red Sanders which were investigated by other unit of DRI which attributes that he is a habitual offender in smuggling of Red Sanders.

Further investigation is under progress.