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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has conducted search operations on bank lockers belonging to Cherukuri Sridhar and his family on 19.08.2023 in connection with a bank fraud case against M/s Transstroy India Limited, which led to the recovery and seizure of 9.34 Kgs of jewellery valued at Rs. 6.98 Crore and 2.27 Kgs of gold coins & bars valued at Rs. 1.37 Crore. The total value of seized bullion and jewellery is Rs. 8.35 Crore.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the CBI, ACB, Hyderabad alleging bank fraud, cheating and criminal breach of trust by M/s Transstroy India Ltd., its directors and others. M/s Transstroy India Limited was enjoying credit facilities under multi-banking system by availing various credit facilities from more than 10 banks.

ED investigation revealed that the directors of M/s Transstroy India Ltd. conspired with others, mis-utilised loan funds and diverted the same by deploying various *modus operandi* such as accommodated Letters of Credit (LC) transactions, diversion of funds to accounts maintained outside the consortium, multilayered transactions with the help of entry providers etc.

ED had earlier conducted search operations on 01.08.2023 at 9 locations in Hyderabad and Guntur including the premises of Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, ex-MP and Cherukuri Sridhar, ex-CMD of M/s Transstroy India Limited.

Further investigation is in progress.