



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has carried out a search operation in the case of Sunil Bhardwaj and others at 12 premises on 03.03.2023 and 04.03.2023 including the residence of Sunil Bhardwaj at Greater Noida, residence of Dorjee Phuntso Khrieme at Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh), Liquor manufacturing unit M/s Kala AMB Distillery and Brewery Pvt. Ltd. at Solan (Himachal Pradesh), other premises of associated entities/persons at Gurugram , Panipat (Haryana), Rohini (Delhi), Noida (UP) and the residence of Video Rai (habitual criminal and liquor supplies) and his son Pintu Kumar at Samastipur (Bihar). ED in a separate ECIR No. PTZO/11/2022 has attached 7 properties of Video Rai worth Rs. 3.51 Cr vide Provisional attachment order No 08/2022 dated 02.09.2022 which has been confirmed by AA vide order dated 14.02.2023.

Sunil Kumar @ Sunil Bhardwaj @ Sunil Sharma runs Kala AMB Distillery and Brewery Pvt. Ltd. At Solan Himanchal Pradesh and through which he, in connivance with other accomplice namely Dorjee Phuntso Khrieme, an Arunchal Pradesh based resident, runs a Liquor syndicate across the states of Himanchal, Bihar, Arunchal Pradesh, West Bengal and Jharkhand etc.

ED has initiate investigation against Sunil Kumar & Ors under the PMLA, 2002, related to illegal trade of liquor into the state of Bihar by recording ECIR and found that Sunil Kumar and Dorjee Phuntso Khrieme have created web of entities for running this syndicate and also for opening various bank accounts for receiving proceeds in the form of cash deposit/ account transfers/ NEFT etc. from the buyers of the liquor from different states.

During the search incriminating documents viz: investment in various properties in NCR and also in Dubai by Sunil Kumar, 32 original sale deeds of purchase of properties by Video Rai in his name and in the name of his family members have been found and seized. Receipt of proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs. 8 Cr. approx. into the bank account of the entities linked with Sunil Kumar through cash deposits in various banks in Bihar has been identified. Other incriminating physical and digital material found during the search has also been seized for further examination.