



Press Release

11.08.2025

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Indore Sub Zonal Office has filed Prosecution Complaint (PC) before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Indore, against one Nikhil P. Halabhavi & Ors. on 20.06.2025 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the PC on 05.08.2025.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Madhya Pradesh Police (Mhow Police Station Indore) under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Public Gambling Act, 1867 for running an illegal online betting/Satta-Matka App **Dhangames**.

ED investigation revealed that Manoj Malviya in connivance with Lokesh Verma and other accused(s) especially with Nikhil P Halabhavi hatched a criminal conspiracy and developed an illegal Online Betting App namely Dhangames to lure the unsuspecting innocent masses. The illegal money derived and obtained through these '*Satta Matka Apps*' were laundered through benami bank accounts and eventually the illegal gains so generated were shared amongst themselves.

ED conducted searches under Section 17 of the PMLA, 2002, on 27.10.2023, which led to the seizure of several incriminating documents, electronic devices, and cash amounting to Rs. 46.58 Lakh indicating large scale money laundering. Subsequently, two Provisional Attachment Orders attaching properties worth Rs. 9.10 Crore (approx.) were also issued in this case.

Further investigation is under progress.