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Directorate of Enforcement has taken possession of “Sai Resort NX” constructed over land located at Gut No.446, Murud, Dapoli, Ratnagiri falling under Costal Regulation Zone (No Development Zone) in connection with money laundering probe against Anil Parab, Sai Resort NX & others. The action has been initiated after Hon’ble Adjudicating Authority for PMLA, confirmed the provisional attachment of assets worth approx. Rs.10.20 Crore vide order dated.01.06.2023.

ED had initiated investigation on the basis of complaint filed by Ministry of Environmental Forest and Climate Change against Anil Dattatray Parab, the then Minister in Government of Maharashtra, M/s Sai Resort, M/s Sea Conch Resort & others before Hon’ble Judicial Magistrate First Class, Dapoli, for violation of Section 19 and section 15 r/w Section 7 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. At later stage, an FIR was also registered by Dapoli Police Station under various sections of IPC, 1860 and during investigation of the abovesaid FIR, Dapoli Police also found various other crimes related to offences under various sections of IPC,1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, which were also included in the abovesaid FIR.

ED Investigation has revealed that Anil Parab and his close associate Sadanand Kadam, hatched a conspiracy and obtained illegal permission from Revenue Department Authorities ,State of Maharashtra, through forgery & misdeclaration for construction of Twin Bungalow (Ground + 1 Floor) over a piece of agricultural land falling under “No Development Zone” and subsequently constructed illegal resort namely “Sai Resort NX” having Ground + 2 Floors in blatant disregard of CRZ-III rules and regulations. The permission for construction of twin bungalow, was obtained in the name of earlier owner namely without his knowledge and even Revenue Department Authorities knowing well that any construction is prohibited over the said piece of agricultural land, granted permission because of undue pressure and influence. Thereafter, the Gram Panchayat was deceived, misled, cheated and pressurized the Gram Panchayat to transfer the said land alongwith building in the name of Anil Parab to legitimize the illegal construction of “Sai Resort NX”. Anil Parab with the intent to utilize his unaccounted money and conceal his identity as real owner, made expenses for construction in cash before the registration of land in his name so that in future if any violation comes to light, the onus could be shifted to erstwhile owner. When various complaints regarding the illegal construction of Sai Resort NX came to media scrutiny, a benami transaction was executed wherein Anil Parab sold the said land on paper to Sadanand Kadam to conceal the illegalities and irregularities vis a vis construction of the said resort within CRZ-III i.e. No Development Zone.

During the course of investigation under PML Act, 2002, ED has provisionally attached assets worth ₹ 10.20 Crore in the form of Land (admeasuring approx. 42 Gunta) located at Gut No.446, Murud, Dapoli, Ratnagiri, valued at Rs. 2,73,91,000/- and the resort namely Sai Resort NX constructed over the said land valued at Rs. 7,46,47,000/-. Hon’ble Adjudicating Authority for PMLA, confirmed the provisional attachment of aforesaid assets vide order dated.01.06.2023. ED has arrested 02 persons namely Sadanand Kadam, close associate of Anil Parab and Jayram Deshpande, the then SDO, Dapoli, and had filed Prosecution Complaint on 06.05.2023 for which Hon’ble Special PMLA Court has taken cognizance and issues process against accused persons.

Further investigation is under progress.