



PRESS NOTE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bhopal has taken physical possession of confiscated properties which are in the form of two independent houses situated at Minal Residency, Bhopal and have the present market value in crores of Rupees, in the matter of **Harishankar Gurjar & others**.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Lokayukta Police, Bhopal under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and IPC, 1860 against Harishankar Gurjar (a Ranger in Forest Department, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh) and his wife Smt. Seema Gurjar on the grounds that they were in possession of assets disproportionate to their known sources of income.

ED investigation revealed that the money trails ascertaining and identifying the Proceeds of Crime (POC) and various immovable properties of Harishankar Gurjar, Smt Seema Gurjar and their son Abhishek Gurjar which were found to be involved in money laundering and, therefore, the same were provisionally attached under the provisions of PMLA, 2002, and was subsequently confirmed by the Ld. Adjudicating Authority, PMLA. Subsequently, the Special Court, PMLA, Bhopal, after conducting the trial under PMLA, vide its order dated 29.04.2023, convicted Harishakar Gurjar and Seema Gurjar and sentenced them to 03 years of rigorous imprisonment and also ordered confiscation of the attached properties. The confiscation order was subsequently upheld by Hon'ble High Court and thereafter by Hon'ble Supreme Court vide Order dated 15.01.2025 which includes aforesaid 02 properties. Accordingly, physical possession of the aforesaid properties has been taken by this Directorate.

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