



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 18.11.2025 to 22.11.2025 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at various locations across Bengaluru and Gurugram including the office of M/s Nirdesa Networks Pvt. Ltd. (NNPL), M/s Gameskraft Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (GTPL), and residential premises of its directors and other accused/suspected persons.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Karnataka Police wherein it was alleged that Pocket52, a gaming platform operated by M/s Nirdesa Networks Pvt. Ltd., is accused of large-scale fraud involving manipulated game outcomes, player collusion, technical glitches, withdrawal restrictions, and lack of transparency. The complainant reported losing over Rs.3 Crore due to systemic cheating, with Pocket52 allegedly dismissing concerns, removing features like hand history, and ignoring responsible gaming practices. Authorities and users allege the platform rigged its algorithms and promoted unfair play, with the leadership of Pocket52 and parent company was named in FIR and under ongoing investigation for cheating and regulatory violations.

During the investigation under PMLA, 2002 and search proceedings it was found that many users have raised complaints/ concerns over manipulation, lack of transparency and thereby company intentionally exploited the users while failing to provide compensation to users for their losses. Accordingly, incriminating devices like mobile phones, laptops etc. have been seized from the premises of the Directors/Founders of the company and voluminous data backup have been taken from the premises of the company namely Gameskraft Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Even after the ban on Real Money Games by the Union Government of India through the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025 (PROG act), enacted on 22.08.2025, an amount of more than Rs. 30 Crore is still held by the company in their escrow accounts without refunding to the gamers/customers.

Further, 8 bank accounts being escrow accounts for payout maintained with various banks (having balance of Rs. 18.57 Crore (approx.)), wherein Proceeds of Crime is suspected to be parked by the accused entities including NNPL, Pocket52 etc. have been frozen u/s 17(1A) of PMLA, 2002.

Further investigation in under progress.