



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata has conducted search operations on 27/08/2024 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at 10 different residential and business premises associated with fraudulent call centre operators in Kolkata and surrounding areas. These searches were conducted in connection with an ongoing investigation into a money laundering case involving M/s. E-Unite Telecoms Pvt. Ltd., and M/s. Met Technologies Pvt. Ltd., among others.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Electronic Complex Police Station, Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate, West Bengal for conspiring to cheat innocent people in India and abroad. The FIR was filed against Rakesh Choudhury, Kunal Gupta, and several others involved in running illegal call centres that defrauded overseas citizens by impersonating representatives of reputed companies and offering non-existent services such as tech support, website sales, and loan offers.

During the search operations, unaccounted cash amounting to Rs. 22.5 Lakh was seized from various premises. Additionally, substantial evidence was collected, including digital records and physical documents. The evidence points to a well-orchestrated conspiracy led by Kunal Gupta and Rakesh Choudhury, wherein they subleased office spaces to unlicensed call centre operators who, in turn, scammed overseas customers and laundered the proceeds of crime through various payment gateways.

The ongoing investigation has so far led to the arrest of Kunal Gupta and Rakesh Choudhury. ED has already filed Prosecution Complaint on 08.02.2024 before the Hon'ble Court of Ld. Judge, Spl. (CBI) Court No. 1, Bichar Bhawan, Kolkata, against Rakesh Choudhury, Kunal Gupta, and other individuals and companies involved.

Further investigation is under progress.