



## **Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Gurugram has arrested 3 persons namely Rakesh Kumar Gulati (Chartered Accountant), Paramjeet and Ajay Yadav on 1/07/2024 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in case of M/s Sunstar Overseas Ltd. & others. The Hon'ble Special Judge (PMLA), Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi has granted 7 days ED custody till 9/07/2024 of all the 3 accused.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by CBI, ACB, Chandigarh against M/s Sunstar Overseas Ltd. (SOL), its ex-directors namely Rakesh Aggarwal, Rohit Aggarwal, Manik Aggarwal, Sumit Aggarwal and others under various sections of IPC, 1860 for committing fraud, criminal misappropriation, criminal breach of trust, cheating and causing wrongful loss of more than Rs. 950 Crore to the consortium of 9 lender banks.

ED investigation revealed that M/s. SOL, through its ex-promoters/directors/key persons in connivance with each other as well as other related / un-related entities, has illegally diverted loan funds by way of sham trade transactions and creating fictitious debtors.

ED investigation also revealed that whereas total admitted claims against M/s SOL were Rs.1274.14 Crore, the entity was taken over through CIRP proceedings only for Rs. 196 Crore by a Resolution Applicant M/s. Umaiza Infracon LLP (of Ajay Yadav) being a shell entity without having any funds of its own. ED investigation revealed that the funds for the said shell entity were arranged out of the funds diverted from M/s. SOL through it's the then related/unrelated companies/firms and other persons & entities, on the instructions of the ex-Directors/promoters of M/s. SOL and its C.A. Rakesh Gulati. Immediately after NCLT order, M/s. SOL was taken over by a frontal company M/s Shivakriti Agro Pvt. Ltd. (SAPL), actually controlled and operated by ex-Directors/Promoters of M/s SOL, by instrument of a sham facility agreement. The frontal entity M/s Shivakriti Agro Pvt. Ltd. has been controlled and managed by ex-Directors/Promoters of M/s SOL through Paramjeet and its other ex-employees. Rakesh Gulati, common C.A. of M/s. SOL and M/s. SAPL and many related entities are found to be involved in the conspiracy and aforesaid diversion of loan funds to regain the actual control and business of an insolvent company from NCLT.

Further investigation is under progress.