



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Panaji Zonal Office has provisionally attached 24 immovable properties located across Bardez Taluka (including Calangute, Assagao, Anjuna, Nerul, and Parra) in Goa, valued at Rs. 193.49 Crore (Market Value) vide Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) dated 25.04.2025 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in the Goa Land Grab case. This is the second provisional attachment in this case. Earlier, ED had attached 31 properties valued at Rs. 39.24 Crore in 2023, which has been confirmed by the Ld. Adjudicating Authority (PMLA), New Delhi vide order dated 15.04.2024.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by Goa Police (investigated by SIT - Land Grabbing) concerning the fraudulent and illegal acquisition of land in Goa against the accused persons involved in forgery, cheating, and grabbing of immovable properties.

ED investigation revealed that fraudsters created forged documents/deeds in the names of deceased individuals or ancestors. Using these forged documents as genuine, they fraudulently inserted their names or the names of associates into the land records maintained by the Government of Goa. Subsequently, these illegally acquired properties were either sold to third parties, generating proceeds of crime, or transferred to associates through sham sale deeds without actual payment of consideration.

The 24 attached properties in the current PAO include properties sold to third parties, properties transferred to associates via sham deeds and other properties identified subsequently, located in prime tourist hotspots in Bardez Taluka.

With this attachment, the total value of attached properties in the Goa Land Grab case stands at **Rs. 232.73 Crore** till date. A Prosecution Complaint has also been filed on 12.04.2024 before the Ld. Special Court (PMLA), Mapusa, Goa, which has taken cognizance of the same.

Further investigation is under progress.