



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office has provisionally attached properties worth Rs. 52.49 Lakh under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the “Wildlife case”. The attached properties are in form of agriculture land at Bijnor District of Uttar Pradesh and bank balances belonging to Rahul Yadav alias Fazilpuria, Elvish Yadav and M/s Sky Digital India Pvt. Ltd.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of 02 FIRs registered by Noida Police and the Badshahpur Police Station, Haryana in November 2023 and March 2024 under various sections of the IPC, 1860, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 against Elvish Yadav, Rahul Yadav alias Fazilpuria, and others. In the first FIR, it was alleged that Noida police, during a sting operation, apprehended agents involved in supplying snakes and snake venom for parties. After completing the investigation, the police charge-sheeted Elvish Yadav and others. The second FIR alleges that Rahul alias Fazilpuria and Elvish Yadav illegally used snakes in music videos and vlogs and caused cruelty against wild life.

ED investigation revealed that Rahul Yadav alias Fazilpuria and Elvish Yadav illegally used protected species of snakes, exotic animals, such as iguanas, in the production of commercial music video and vlogs for the purpose of increasing the followers and generating money. Further findings showed that these music videos were given to M/s Sky Digital India Pvt. Ltd., and then the videos were then uploaded to the YouTube platform, for generating revenue.

ED has identified the Proceeds of Crime linked to this activity and has attached both movable and immovable properties belonging to Rahul Yadav alias Fazilpuria, Elvish Yadav, and M/s Sky Digital India Pvt. Ltd.

Further investigation is under progress.