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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal office has filed Prosecution Complaint (PC) before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Bengaluru against M/s. Shree Mallikarjun Shipping Pvt. Ltd. and its, Managing Director Satish Krishna Sail, Karwar MLA under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with export of seized iron ore which caused loss of Rs.44.09 Crore to the government exchequer.

The accused Sathish sail had entered into criminal conspiracy with other accused persons and illegally purchased the seized iron ore stacked at the premises of Belekeri port, disregarding the Orders of Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka and seizure orders issued by the Forest Department. The iron ore so purchased illegally from M/s. Ashapura Minechem Ltd, M/s. ILC Industries Ltd., M/s. Swastik Steel (Hospet) Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Minerals, M/s. Shri Lal Mahal Ltd. and M/s. PJS Overseas Ltd., was exported by the accused persons to the buyers in China, in connivance with Mahesh J Biliye, Port Conservator of Belekeri port. The criminal act of the accused persons caused loss of Rs.44.09 Crore to the government exchequer.

Further, investigation has revealed that the main accused person, Satish Krishna Sail (Managing Director of M/s. Shree Mallikarjun Shipping Pvt. Ltd.) had made payments of approximately Rs.46.18 Crore to other accused persons, towards the illegal purchase of seized iron ore. The said seized iron ore was exported through his undisclosed foreign entity, M/s. JI (HEBEI) Iron and Steel Investment Company Limited, Hong Kong (formerly known as M/s. Mallikarjun Shipping (HK) Ltd.), instead of exporting directly to the ultimate buyers in China, thereby effectively concealing and laundering the Proceeds of Crime (POC). In this manner, the accused company, M/s. Shree Mallikarjun Shipping Pvt. Ltd. derived POC (profits) amounting Rs.27.07 Crore, while Satish Krishna Sail has derived around Rs.2.09 Crore through his foreign entity, M/s. JI (HEBEI) Iron and Steel Investment Company Ltd., Hong Kong. The investigation has also revealed that Satish Krishna Sail maintained several foreign bank accounts, through his foreign entity, in Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited & Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited (ICBC Bank), Hong Kong.



Earlier, ED conducted searches and arrested Sathish Krishna Sail and seized cash amounting to Rs.1.68 Crore, bullion & gold weighing 6.75 Kgs.(*valued at around Rs.6.58 Crore*) and frozen bank accounts to the tune of Rs. 14.13 Crore lying in the bank accounts of the accused persons and further attached 3 immovable properties worth Rs.21 Crore. Later Satish Krishna Sail was granted interim medical bail which has been cancelled by the hon'ble Special Court on 07.11.2025.

Further, investigation is under progress to identify the remaining POC and to ascertain the involvement and roles of other accused persons.