



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Panaji has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) against Estevan D'Souza and others under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Mapusa, Goa, on 04.04.2025 and the Hon'ble Court has taken the cognizance on 25.04.2025.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of Chargesheet filed by Goa Police under various sections of IPC, 1860.

ED investigation revealed that Mohammed Suhail along with other accomplices hatched a criminal conspiracy of illegal land grabbing in Goa, in which they used to search for such unattended properties where the actual owner of the property had either deceased without any legal heir or the legal heir is living outside India. After identifying the potential properties for cheating and fraud, they committed offences punishable under sections 120B, 419, 420 and 471 of IPC, 1860 wherein they executed sale deed/irrevocable power of attorney by using forged documents, through impersonator(s) of legitimate owners; and undertook property transactions.

Previously, ED has provisionally attached immovable properties vide Provisional Attachment Order dated 08.11.2023 wherein 8 immovable properties located in Bardez in Goa amounting to Rs. 11.82 Crore were attached. Subsequently, the said PAO was confirmed by Ld. Adjudicating Authority, PMLA, New Delhi vide order dated 08.04.2024.

Further investigations are under progress.