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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Panaji Zonal Office, has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) before the Hon'ble Special PMLA Court, Mapusa, Goa on 31.07.2025 against Rohan Harmalkar, Alcantro D'Souza, Estevan Elvis D'Souza, Mohammad Suhail, and Samir Kalidas Satardekar under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of two FIRs registered by Goa Police—FIR No. 149/2022 at PS: Mapusa and FIR No. 34/2023 at PS: Crime Branch, Goa—for various offences under IPC, 1860 such as cheating, forgery, and criminal conspiracy, involving fraudulent transfer and sale of immovable properties in Bardez Taluka, North Goa.

ED investigation revealed that the accused persons, led by Rohan Harmalkar, in active connivance with others, fraudulently acquired multiple immovable properties by forging documents such as wills, inventory proceedings, genealogical records, and sale deeds. These properties were then projected as untainted and sold to third party purchasers, thereby laundered the Proceeds of Crime.

During the course of the investigation, searches were conducted at premises linked to the accused persons under section 17(1) of PMLA, resulting in seizure of voluminous incriminating documents, digital evidence, and freezing of numerous bank accounts.

During investigation, Rohan Harmalkar was arrested on 03.06.2025 under section 19 of the PMLA and is presently in judicial custody. The investigation revealed that he played a central role in orchestrating the forgery, coordinating the fake documentation, and receiving substantial financial consideration in cash and through banking channels.

So far, multiple immovable properties constituting direct POC, valued at over Rs. 212.85 Crore, have been identified and provisionally attached under the provisions of the PMLA, 2002 vide order dated 28.07.2025. Efforts are currently underway to trace and attach the remaining POC, which may be substantially higher, in order to fully unravel the extent of the laundering operation.

Further investigation is under progress.