



PRESS RELEASE
10/07/2024

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Patna Zonal office has filed a Supplementary Prosecution Complaint (PC) on 01.07.2024 in the case of Nitesh Kumar and others against Robin Kumar Yadav, Ravinandan Prasad Verma, Md Hussain, Ramesh Prasad Baranwal, M/s NRS Business Centre Pvt Ltd, M/s NRS Hospitality Pvt Ltd and M/s Realtiven Construction Pvt Ltd. under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 for commission of offence of money laundering involving Proceeds of Crime of Rs. 20.01 Crore generated through cyber fraud committed on foreign nationals before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Patna. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the PC.

ED initiated investigation against Nitesh Kumar and others on the basis of complaint of cyber fraud committed on an Irish National received from Irish Authorities wherein it was informed that the victim, an Irish lady had been cheated through cyber fraud for an amount of 950 Euro (Rs. 84,941.40/-) and later, the Proceeds of Crime (cheated amount) was transferred to the Indian bank accounts of the accused by way of foreign remittance through various payment gateways under Rupee Drawing Agreement (RDA) scheme.

ED investigation revealed that the accused have been running fake call centres in Kharagpur and Bolpur, West Bengal and have been involved in cheating of foreign nationals through Cyber fraud. During investigation, seven accused have been arrested by the ED who all are presently in judicial custody. ED has filed first Prosecution Complaint (PC) before the Hon'ble Special Court, Patna on 16.02.2024. Further, till now, ED has freezed/seized Proceeds of Crime to the tune of Rs. 6.38 Crore in the form of bank balance, investment in shares and Peer to Peer(P2P) lending platforms and also in crypto currencies.

Further investigation is under progress.