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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office has conducted a search operation on 22-08-2025 and 23.08.2025 at 31 locations across India including Gangtok, Chitradurga District, Bangalore City, Hubli, Jodhpur, Mumbai and Goa (including 5 casinos viz. Puppy's Casino Gold, Ocean Rivers Casino, Puppy's Casino Pride, Ocean 7 Casino, Big Daddy Casino) in the case against Sh. K C Veerendra, MLA, Chitradurga District, and others in the matter of illegal online and offline betting. Search has revealed that the accused is running several online betting sites in the name of King567, Raja567, etc. Further, the brother K C Thippeswamy of the accused is operating 3 business entities from Dubai viz. Diamond Softech, TRS Technologies, Prime9Technologies which are related to the call centre services and gaming business of K C Veerendra.

Further, during the course of search proceedings, an amount of approximately Rs. 12 Crore in cash, including approximately 1 Crore in foreign currency, Gold Jewellery worth Rs. 6 Crore (approx.), Silver articles around 10 kgs, along with four vehicles were seized under PMLA,2002. Further, 17 bank accounts and 2 bank lockers were also frozen. Further, many properties related documents were also seized from the premise of brother of K C Veerendra K C Nagaraj and his son Pruthvi N Raj. Several incriminating documents were also seized from several premises. His other associates namely brother K C Thippeswamy, and Pruthvi N Raj, are in handling operations of online gaming from Dubai. Further, it was revealed that K C Veerendra, along with his associates had travelled to Gangtok via Bagdogra on business visit to lease a land casino. Incriminating material seized during search proceedings indicate complex layering of cash and other funds. To further identify the Proceeds of Crime, Sh.K C Veerendra was arrested from Gangtok on 23.08.2025 and produced before Judicial Magistrate, Gangtok, Sikkim and transit remand was obtained for producing him before jurisdictional Court in Bangalore.

Further investigation in the case is ongoing.



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