

Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has conducted search operations under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at multiple locations in Kolkata on 23.01.2025 in the case of **Tipu Sultan and Others** in respect of various person indulged in the operation of unauthorized call center.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the PS Electronics Complex, Bidhannagar.

ED investigation revealed that Tipu Sultan, Md. Tasfin, Somnath Das, Rajesh Goenka and others with other accomplices were running an unauthorized call centre at the office of M/s VRM Business Service Private Limited(VBSPL) located at 3rd Floor, Salt Tech Park, Block-DN-18, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091.It is further revealed that the said persons/employees of M/s VRM Business Service Private Limited were using calls made over internet to make international(VOIP) calls and called individuals from different countries like Germany, United Kingdom etc. on the pretext of software service provider in the name of international reputed software companies. They cheated the customers without giving any service. With the help of team viewer software, they got access to the computers of the customers and thereby blackmailed the customers, causing wrongful gain to themselves and wrongful loss to the innocent customers.

ED investigation revealed that various entities were used for siphoning, routing, and parking funds obtained fraudulently from innocent customers across different countries under the guise of providing software services.

Further the searches resulted into seizure of unexplained cash of **Rs. 27.90 Lakh**, jewellery worth **Rs. 1.79 Crore** and various documentary and digital evidence. Further, bank balance to the tune of **Rs. 28.4 Lakh** maintained in 35 Bank accounts, related to Rajesh Goenka, Director of M/s VRM Business Service Private Limited, his family members and his companies/firms/entities have been frozen.

Further investigation is under progress.