

## <u>Press Release</u> <u>20.10.2022</u>

Directorate of Enforcement(ED) conducted a search operation on MBS Jewellers Private Limited, Musaddilal Gems & Jewels India Private Limited, its director Sukesh Gupta & Anurag Gupta on 17/10/2022 at 5 locations in Hyderabad and Vijaywada and seized jewellery stocks of Rs. 149.10 Crore and Cash of Rs. 1.96 Crore in MMTC fraud scam.

Sukesh Gupta was arrested by ED on 18/10/2022. and was produced before the Special PMLA Court at Nampally, Hyderabad on 19/10/2022 and was sent to 14 days judicial custody.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by CBI, ACB, Hyderabad against Mr Sukesh Gupta & his companies for defrauding M/s MMTC Limited (a Public Sector Enterprise) in purchase of gold bullion under Buyer's Credit Scheme. Mr Sukesh Gupta in active connivance with few officials of MMTC Hyderabad, had continuously lifted gold without forex cover & without adequate security deposits and his dues were consistently mis-reported to the MMTC Head Office and without squaring off the existing losses, his firms continued lifting more & more gold from MMTC for their personal gain and thereby, ultimately caused a loss of public money to the tune of Rs 504.34 Crore to MMTC. CBI has filed a charge sheet against Sukesh Gupta & others.

During ED investigation, it is found that Sukesh Gupta colluded with the various officers of MMTC Hyderabad and painted a wrong picture of his account and kept on lifting more & more Gold to carry on its business as usual and MMTC ultimately suffered a massive loss. Sukesh Gupta also entered into an OTS (One time settlement) with MMTC in 2019. However, MMTC confirmed that Sukesh Gupta did not comply the OTS conditions and the OTS has failed.

Further investigation is under progress.

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