



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Directorate of Enforcement(ED) has provisionally attached immovable assets of Rs.9.31 Crore which include an industrial plot with factory and building valued at Rs. 5.31 Crore of M/s Kala Amb Distillery and Brewery Pvt. Ltd at Solan, Himachal Pradesh and a Land measuring 22504 Sq. mtr. alongwith factory and building having worth of Rs. 4 Crore at Holongi Village, Arunachal Pradesh in the name of Dorjee Phuntso Khrame under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) as Proceeds of Crime generated by supplying liquor illegally in the state of Bihar.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of various FIRs and chargesheet under the provisions of Indian Penal Code, 1860 by Bihar Police against M/s Sunil Bhardwaj and others for illegal supply of liquor in the state of Bihar.

ED investigation revealed that Sunil Bhardwaj runs M/s Kala AMB Brewery and Distillery Pvt Ltd at Village- Bhangla, Distt. - Solan, Himachal Pradesh. Sunil Bhardwaj in connivance with his accomplice namely Dorjee Phuntso Khrame s/o Nima Tsering Khrame, resident of Papum Pare, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh has incorporated various entities which have been used to get licenses for establishing distillery units and also for running liquor shops in the area of Arunachal Pradesh

ED investigation further revealed that Sunil Bhardwaj and Dorjee Phuntso Khrame are using a web of their entities, claimed to be involved in the business of liquor, for supplying liquor manufactured /bottled by them into the state of Bihar illegally. Further, it is also revealed that the liquor was dispatched from the factory of Kala Amb Distillery & Brewery Pvt. Ltd. for Arunachal Pradesh, but the same were diverted to Bihar on the direction of Sunil Bhardwaj and Dorjee Phuntso Khrame.

It is also noticed that they used the web of their associated entities for opening various bank accounts for receiving money from the buyers of the illegal liquor supplied in Bihar and by doing so generating Proceeds of Crime. Investigation revealed that Rs. 9.31 Crore have been deposited in cash in Bihar in the bank accounts of companies/entities of Sunil Bhardwaj and Dorjee Phuntso Khrame, which has been generated by the commission of schedule offences.

Further investigation is under progress.