



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office, has carried out search operations on 09.10.2025 under the provisions of PMLA, 2002 in the case of K C Veerendra and others related to cheating public in illegal online betting. During the search, 24 carat gold bullion weighing 40 kgs (approx.) worth Rs. 50.33 Crore were seized from two lockers in Challekere. Earlier, ED has seized assets worth Rs. 103 Crore in form of around 21kgs gold bars, cash, gold and silver jewellery, bank accounts and high-end vehicles. Total seizure in the case is more than Rs. 150 Crore till date. The said searches and tracing of Proceeds of Crime in an illegal online betting case, have been undertaken during the Judicial Custody of prime accused K C Veerendra, MLA Chitradurga District.

ED investigation revealed that K C Veerendra in association with other friends and family members is involved in operations of many illegal online betting websites viz. King567, Raja567 etc and cheating innocent players through the same. Further, the funds collection from players has been routed using several gateways like FonePaisa etc. The money so collected is routed through several mule accounts which are sourced by these betting operators from intermediaries from all across India. ED investigation has revealed nexus of online betting apps with isolated instances of cybercrime across India, by way of mule accounts creation in name of individuals in exchange for petty sums. The estimated turnover of these betting applications being controlled by K C Veerendra is more than Rs. 2000 Crore.

ED investigation has revealed that KC Veerendra, his family members and associates have booked several international travel tickets, visa and other hospitality services worth crores of rupees, financed through a network of mule accounts linked to proceeds from online betting websites. Further, expenses like marketing, bulk SMS services, platform hosting, Search Engine Optimization etc. with respect to operations of these mule accounts is also paid through these accounts controlled by KC Veerendra and his associates. The evidences suggest that the funds used for these high-value transactions were diverted from illicit online activities and funnelled through multiple intermediary accounts to obscure their origin.

Further investigation is under progress.

