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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has carried out search operation and has further freezed account balance of Rs 5.59 Crore of Aamir Khan and its accomplices under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in respect to an investigation being conducted relating to the Mobile Gaming Application, namely E-nuggets.

The instant case was registered on the basis of FIR dated 15.02.2021 filed under various sections of IPC by Park Street Police Station, Kolkata Police, against Aamir Khan & others, based on complaint filed by Federal Bank authorities, in the court of Learned Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Calcutta.

Aamir Khan, S/o Nesar Ahmed Khan launched a mobile gaming application namely E-Nuggets, which was designed for the purpose of defrauding public. Further, after collecting sizeable amount from the public, all of the sudden, the withdrawal from the said App, was stopped, on one pretext or the other. Thereafter, all data including profile information was wiped off from the said App servers.

It was revealed during investigation that multiple accounts (more than 300) were used to launder the money. On the basis of information available, the amount of Rs 5.59 Cr lying in balance in the said related bank accounts has been freezed.

Earlier during search operation conducted against said Amir Khan:

• Rs 17.32 Crore Cash was found and seized from the residential premises

• 85.91870554 Bitcoins equivalent to USD 1674255.7 (equivalent to Rs 13.56 Cr approx. as per market exchange rate) found in balance in Binance Exchange was freezed.

• crypto currencies [WRX (utility token of WazirX) and USDT (Tether)] equivalent to Rs 47.64 Lakhs was freezed in "Wazir X Accounts".

During investigations conducted under PMLA so far, an amount of Rs 36.96 Cr has been seized/ freezed in total in this case.

Further investigation is under progress.

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