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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office has filed Prosecution Complaint against Smt. Aishwarya Gowda and 17 other accused under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 on 21.06.2025 before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Bangalore. Previously, the Directorate has provisionally attached properties worth Rs. 3.98 Crore (approx.) under the PMLA, 2002 on 19.06.2025 in this case for being found involved in the offence of money laundering.

Earlier, ED initiated investigation on the basis of Multiple FIRs registered by the various police stations of Karnataka against Smt. Aishwarya Gowda, her husband Harish KN and others under various sections of IPC/BNSS. The allegation in the FIRs is that Smt. Aishwarya Gowda, her husband Harish KN and others have entered into a criminal conspiracy to defraud and cheat several individuals by taking Gold, Cash and funds through Bank accounts from them promising high rate of return. However, the accused has neither returned the money nor given the promised return and also threatened the investors of dire consequences in case of further pursuance of the matter by claiming her proximity to various high profile politicians.

ED also conducted search operations at various locations related to Ms Aishwarya Gowda and her accomplices under the provisions of PMLA, 2002. During the said search operations, various incriminating documents related to money laundering activities through movable/immovable properties and other digital devices were found and seized.

Further investigation is under progress.