



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has provisionally attached properties worth **Rs. 10.08 Crore (approx.)** linked to Yogesh Dua and Others on **31.05.2025** under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the case of Ms. Uma Jacinta Burney and others, a **Digital arrest and Cyber fraud** case. ED has also filed Prosecution Complaint on **02.06.2025** against Yogesh Dua, Chirag Kapoor and 11 others before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Kolkata in this case.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Kolkata Police at Cyber PS, Kolkata against the accused persons under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Information and Technology, 2000.

ED investigation revealed that the accused persons were involved in a criminal conspiracy to extort money from innocent victims wherein they impersonate as government officials from agencies like CBI and Customs. They used to contact the victims via phone and WhatsApp and falsely accusing them of being involved in money laundering activities. They also threatened such victims with arrest and seizure of assets. The accused persons created fraudulent documents like forged letters bearing the logos of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, RBI, Customs, and CBI issued in the name of victims and used these fake documents to extort money from victims. Subsequently, seven additional FIRs related to various cyber frauds, including digital arrests, investment scams, and WhatsApp frauds, etc. have been merged with the case involving common accused individuals and linked bank accounts.

ED Investigation has further revealed that current accounts were opened in the name of dummy persons who lent their names for want of commission. These accounts were used to collect money generated through various cyber frauds. Investigation has revealed that over 300 bank accounts were utilized by the scammers for the collection, layering, and laundering of proceeds of crime. Also, SIM cards were fraudulently obtained in the names of various individuals and after activation of international roaming, the same were dispatched abroad to their key associates for operating the linked accounts. Further analysis of the bank accounts reveals that funds defrauded from victims are immediately transferred to multiple accounts in a deliberate effort to layer and conceal the trail of illicit proceeds.

Earlier, ED had arrested two key persons Yogesh Dua, resident of Delhi and Chirag Kapoor @ Chintak Raj, resident of Bengaluru under the provision of PMLA on **04.04.2025**. Presently, they are in judicial custody. Also, various searches conducted so far have resulted into seizure of incriminating documents and digital evidence.

Further investigation is under progress.