



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Raipur Zonal Office has provisionally attached immovable properties in the form of land parcel in a Wildlife case pertaining to Shabir Ali on 7/03/2025 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Civil Lines Police Station, Raipur, Chhattisgarh under various sections of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 against Shabir Ali and Rakesh Nishad, wherein it was alleged that they were involved in smuggling of two leopard cubs with intention of selling them. Subsequently, the Chhattisgarh Police filed a charge sheet (No. 428/19) on November 1, 2019, before the Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in Raipur for the same offence.

ED's investigation has uncovered evidences regarding involvement of Shabir Ali in the illegal smuggling of leopard cubs intended for sale. Documentary evidence gathered as well as statements of accused recorded under Section 50 of the PMLA, 2002 have established the culpability of Shabir Ali and Rakesh Nishad in the said activities. Additionally, investigations also revealed that Shabir Ali was also involved in the unauthorized sale and purchase of birds and animals in violation of Section 49 of the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.

Further investigation is under progress.