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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Surat Sub-Zonal Office has provisionally attached three immovable properties amounting to Rs. 2.13 Crore belonging to Makbul Abdul Rehman Doctor and his family members under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 on 17.11.2025 in connection with investigation being carried out in multiple cybercrime fraud cases involving more than Rs.100 Crore of Proceeds of Crime (POC).

Based on the investigation conducted by Special Operation Group of Surat Police, ED initiated investigation under the provisions of PMLA, 2002, against Makbul Abdul Rehman Doctor and others. In the instant case, Makbul Doctor, his sons Kaashif Makbul Doctor & Bassam Makbul Doctor and other accomplices have defrauded the gullible people through various cyber frauds such as digital arrests, forex trading, threatening innocent individuals by sending fake notices of law enforcement agencies viz. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, ED etc.

As a part of their modus operandi for laundering the POC, they have opened / arranged bank accounts in the name of their employees/associates/hired persons for collection and accumulation of POC. Further for operating the said bank accounts, the accused have obtained pre-activated SIM Cards by using similar modus operandi.

During investigation under PMLA, it has also been found that Makbul Doctor, Kaashif Makbul Doctor and others have laundered the POC generated out of the criminal activities by converting the same into crypto currency (USDT) by routing the cash through various 'Hawala Operators' to evade regulatory scrutiny and facilitate money laundering. Earlier, During ED investigation, four accused namely Makbul Abdul Rehman Docotr, Kaashif Makbul Doctor, Mahesh Mafatlal Desai & Om Rajendra Pandya were arrested under the PMLA, 2002, for commission of offence of money laundering.

Further investigation is under progress.