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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Surat Sub-Zonal Office has arrested four accused namely Makbul Abdul Rehman Doctor, Kaashif Makbul Doctor, Mahesh Mafatlal Desai and Om Rajendra Pandya under Section 19 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 in connection with investigation being carried out in multiple cybercrime cases involving more than Rs.100 Crore of Proceeds of Crime.

ED initiated investigation under PMLA , 2002 on the basis of investigation conducted by Special Operation Group of Surat Police vide FIR No. 11210005241161/2024 dated 15.10.2024, under various Sections of Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023, against Makbul Abdul Rehman Doctor and others.

In the instant case, Makbul Doctor, his sons Kaashif Makbul Doctor & Bassam Makbul Doctor, Mahesh Desai, Om Rajendra Pandya 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 per the investigation conducted so far, they are found to be involved in laundering of POC of more than Rs. 100 Crore. As a part of their modus operandi for laundering the Proceeds of Crime (POC), they have opened/ arranged bank accounts in the name of their employees/ associates/ hired persons for collection and accumulation of proceeds of crime. 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 these accused persons have laundered the POC by converting the same into crypto currency (USDT) by routing the cash through various 'Hawala Operators' to evade regulatory scrutiny.

Aforesaid 04 arrested persons were produced before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Ahmedabad. The Hon'ble Court has granted 05 days ED custody for carrying out further investigation in this case.

Further investigation is under progress.