

Enforcement Directorate has conducted searches at various locations in the case of known conman Sukesh Chandrasekhar. The ECIR was recorded on the basis of FIR against unknown persons under various offences related to criminal conspiracy, cheating, extortion of money to the tune of Rs. 200 crore approximately registered by the Special Cell, Delhi Police.

Investigation under PMLA revealed that Sukesh Chandrasekhar is the mastermind of this fraud. Sukesh has been part of the crime world since the age of 17. He has multiple FIRs against him and is presently lodged in Rohini Jail. Despite being lodged in jail, Sukesh Chandrashekhar did not stop conning people. He (with a cellphone procured illegally in the prisons) with the help of technology, made spoofed calls to dupe people as the numbers displayed on the called party's phone number were belonging to senior Government officers and he while speaking(from the prisons) to these persons, claimed to be Government officer offering to help people for a price of course. Sukesh Chandrasekhar has extorted money to the tune of Rs. 200 Crore in this manner.

Accordingly, searches were conducted under PMLA at the premises of middlemen, one banker and associates of Sukesh Chandrasekhar. The banker, Komal Poddar, Vice President, RBL Bank was working as conduit for transfer of funds to Sukesh and has also cheated the complainant. During search at the residential premises of Komal Poddar, unexplained Indian Currency to the tune of Rs. 82.50 Lacs and 24 Ct. Gold Bar weighing. 2 Kg have been seized. He has since been arrested by Delhi Police.

Searches have also been conducted at the residential and business premises of Leena Maria Paul, wife of Sukesh Chandrasekhar who is a small-time actress in Malyalam films and has done some small roles in Hindi movies like Madras Café. During the searches, address of one more suspected location of Leena was found and on enquiry at this location, it was found that this property (a lavish bungalow in Chennai) is a benami property of Sukesh and Leena. Sukesh Chandrashekhar led a lavish life in this bungalow in Chennai which is no less than a resort and have various luxury cars including BMW, Range Rover, Mercedes. The house is luxurious sea facing with home theatre and a fleet of cars and servants. Numerous shoes, shades, bags and clothes were recovered during the searches. The shoes included from renowned brands such as Ferragamo, Chanel, Dior, Louis Vuitton and bags of the same brands and of Hermes. The rugs in the house were Versace with Italian Marble floors, dining table and expensive furniture. The searches resulted into seizure of said luxurious sea facing bungalow and 16 high end luxury cars



which includes Rolls Royce Ghost, Bentley Bentayga, Ferrari 458 Italia, Lamborghini Urus, Escalade and Mercedes AMG 63.

Further investigation is under progress.