



Press Release

07.07.2021

Today, the Enforcement Directorate arrested Girish Chaudhri in a money laundering case.

Enforcement Directorate initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR no 121/2017 dated 10.04.2017 registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Pune, Maharashtra against Eknath Ganpatrao Khadse, Mandakini Eknath Khadse, Girish Dayaram Chaudhri and Abbas Rasalbhai Ukani under section 13(1)(d), 13(3)(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 alleging, therein, that land grab of a plot at village Bhosari, Taluka Haveli, District Pune having Survey No 52/2A/2 belonging to MIDC and causing a loss to the exchequer to the tune of Rs. 61.25 Cr by fraudulently entering into sale deed.

During money laundering investigation, It is revealed that Girish Chaudhari with the connivance of others knowingly entered into a sale deed to acquire the said land despite the land belongs to MIDC to avail the compensation more than 2.5 to 3 times of actual value of land. Further, it is also revealed that the land was registered at much lower rate i.e. only at Rs 3.75 Crore against the prevailing value of Rs 31 Crore. During the investigation, it was found that accused claimed the source of fund to purchase the said property as loan from some companies, However, it is revealed that these funds were layered and routed through shell companies, which are either dysfunctional or strike off later on.

After the arrest, Girish Chaudhari was produced before the Hon'ble PMLA Court seeking custody of the accused. The Hon'ble PMLA Court has granted custody of the accused to Enforcement Directorate till 12/07/2021.

Further investigation is under progress.