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Enforcement Directorate has provisionally attached an amount of Rs. 1.44 Crore lying in the 14 bank accounts under PMLA, 2002 in a cyber crime case against M/s Nimmi Enterprises and others.

Enforcement Directorate initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR filed by Cyber Crime Police Station, CID, Bengaluru based on complaint regarding hacking and subsequent siphoning off of earnest money deposit funds of the bidders to the tune of Rs 11.55 Crore from the bank account of E-procurement cell, Centre for E-Governance, Government of Karnataka.

During the money laundering investigation, it is revealed that a hacker namely Srikrishna alias Sriki had hacked the Portal of Centre for E-Governance, Government of Karnataka and funds to the tune of Rs 10.5 Crore and Rs 1.05 Crore were diverted to bank accounts of NGO, M/s. Uday Grama Vikash Sanstha, Nagpur and Proprietorship, M/s. Nimmi Enterprises, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh respectively. Thereafter, M/s. Uday Grama Vikash Sanstha, Nagpur layered the received funds into the bank accounts of various vendors/traders in the guise of business transactions i.e. without actual purchase/sale of goods by their NGO. Similarly, in M/s. Nimmi Enterprises, Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh layered the received funds into the bank accounts of various vendors/persons in the guise of business transactions and personal loans.

Further investigation is in process.
