



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement(ED) has filed Prosecution Complaint against the self Self-Styled Colonel of NSCN – IM/GPRN Mr. Rayilung Nsarangbe @ Pela @ Pela Nsa Zeme, his wife Mrs. Ruth Chawang and others in a money-laundering case involving a well-organized extortion racket run by the Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland - Isak Muivah faction or the (NSCN-IM.)

Instant case was initiated on the basis of FIR dated 09.07.2020 and Charge-sheet dated 29.12.2020, filed by the NIA, Guwahati under various Sections including Scheduled Offences 120-B, 384, 420 & 471 of IPC, 1860; Sections 25 (1A), (1B) (a) of Arms Act; Section 5(b) of Explosives Substances Act; Sections 13, 17, 18 & 21 of UA (P) Act; and Section 12(1)(b) of Indian Passport Act.

PMLA Investigation revealed that the district representatives of NSCN-IM of four administrative districts of Manipur viz. Tamenglong, Senapati, Ukhul and Chandel were extorting money from the construction companies, businessmen etc. working in the area and submitting the same to Mr. Rayilung. It is also revealed that the huge amount of extortion money i.e. illegal “TAX”, was being directly collected by Shri Rayilung as the Treasurer of the “Collective Leadership” of NSCN-IM. A major part of the extortion amount was being utilised as per the direction of the “Collective Leadership” and a part of it was being deposited in the bank accounts maintained in the name of Shri Rayilung and in the name of his wife viz. Ms. Ruth Chawang. Further, to conceal the proceeds of crime so generated, several mutual funds and insurance policies were purchased in the name of Ruth Chawang @ Ruth Zeliang, from the cash deposited in the accounts. Shri Rayilung had also transferred huge amount of money to Mr. Apam Muivah, Secretary to Ato Kilonser, from the accounts maintained in the name of his wife. Earlier ED had attached proceeds of crime amounting to Rs. 6.88 Crore (approx) in the matter.



After due process of investigation, Prosecution Complaint was filed in the Ld. Court of the District and Sessions Judge, Dimapur at Nagaland under sections 44 and 45 of PMLA, 2002. The Ld. Court has taken cognizance of the Prosecution Complaint and issued notice to the accused persons for appearance.

Further investigation in the matter is under process.
