

Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has conducted searches on 14.11.2022 and 15.11.2022 at 16 locations in Bangalore in the case related to "Super Like Online Earning Application (Part time job scam)". The searches were conducted by ED under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at the residential premises of the involved persons and also on the offices of the payment gateways viz., Phonepay, Paytm, Googlepay, Amazonpay etc. and few banks like HDFC Bank,ICICI Bank,Dhanalakshmi Bank and others which were involved in this case. During the said search proceedings, around 80 bank accounts having balance to the tune of Rs. 1 Crore, belonging to the accused persons have been freezed by ED.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR dated 03.03.2021 registered by South CEN Police Station, Bangalore against M/s Super Like Online Earning Application and other accused persons. One app called "Super Like," in which if the customers share photos and videos of celebrities by investing some money, they would get money as profit. By getting attracted towards this lucrative scheme, the common public invested funds in the said app and after sharing videos of celebrities they got some money as profit for some time. However, after some time, even after sharing videos, photos, the customers did not get any return on the money and when they tried to take back their invested money, the amount was got blocked by the said application. Thus, by cheating the common public the accused persons collected huge amount of funds from the common public and didn't return their money, criminal activities related to scheduled offence was committed. Further, a chargesheet dated 13.01.202, has been also filed by the Police before the court of Hon'ble Principal City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bangalore against total 50 accused persons which also included two Chinese National i.e., Shen Long & Himani.

Further investigation by ED in this case is under progress.