



PRESS NOTE
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The Competent Authority vide its order dated 6th January 2023 has confirmed the seizure order u/s 37A of FEMA of the immovable properties valuing at Rs. 17.34 Crore in the case of K. Mohammed Haris of Mangaluru.

Investigations were conducted in this case, based on the receipt of information from Income Tax Department. During the course of investigation, it transpired that K. Mohammed Haris of Mukka Group of Companies, a resident of Mangaluru, had acquired foreign asset, foreign exchange and foreign investment/ securities, viz., in the form of a flat, bank deposits in foreign bank account and shareholdings in foreign entity, totally valued at Rs.17,34,80,746/-, situated in UAE, in violation of the provisions of Section 4 of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.

As per provisions under Section 37A of FEMA, if any foreign exchange, foreign security or immovable property, situated outside India, is held in contravention of Section 4 of FEMA, then the Directorate of Enforcement is empowered to seize value equivalent within India, of such foreign exchange, foreign security or immovable property.

Accordingly, immovable properties in the form of two residential houses and one industrial plot situated at Mangaluru, valued at Rs.17,34,49,000/- held by K. Mohammed Haris were seized by the Directorate of Enforcement, Mangaluru Sub Zonal Office, under the provisions of Section 37A of FEMA, 1999 and a Petition was filed before the Competent Authority, FEMA, which was subsequently confirmed by the Competent Authority.