



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jaipur Zonal Office has arrested one of the accused Rafiq Khan in the case relating to fake call centers in different parts of India for defrauding foreign nationals (USA citizens) in the guise of loans at cheaper rate of interest. The accused was absconding and was intercepted at Jaipur Airport while he was trying to flee from the country to Sharjah (UAE). Rafiq Khan was one of the co-conspirators behind running of the fake call centres.

ED initiated investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, on the basis of FIRs registered by Rajasthan Police, ATS and SOG, Jaipur under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Information technology (amended) Act, 2008.

ED investigation revealed that there was a well planned conspiracy by the accused persons to defraud foreign nationals by opening virtual call centers and bank accounts in USA which were being operated from Jaipur, Mohali, Mathura & others parts of India. The proceeds of crime generated had been routed through various Indian and foreign bank accounts opened in the name of accused persons and shell companies registered by them. The PoC was ultimately invested in the properties in order to project them as genuine and untainted.

Earlier, ED Jaipur Zonal Office had already arrested 03 accused persons namely Shahanawaz Ahmed Jeelani, Vipin Kumar Sharma & Viraj Singh Kuntal in this case, who are presently under judicial custody. This was the fourth arrest in the case. The Prosecution Complaints has already been filed by the Directorate on 24.08.2023.