



**Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), HQRS office has arrested Smt K Kavitha MLC, Telangana Legislative Council on 15.03.2024 in the case of Delhi Liquor Policy Scam. The Hon'ble Special PMLA Court, New Delhi has remanded her for ED custodial interrogation for 7 days till 23.03.2024 vide order dated 16.03.2024. A search was also conducted at the residence of Ms K Kavitha in Hyderabad on 15.03.2024. During the search proceedings, the ED officials were obstructed by the relatives and associates of Smt K Kavitha.

ED investigation revealed that Ms K Kavitha along with others conspired with the top leaders of AAP including Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia for getting favours in the Delhi Excise policy-formulation and implementation. In exchange of these favours, she was involved in paying Rs. 100 Crore to the leaders of AAP. By the acts of corruption and conspiracy in the formulation and implementation of Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22, a continuous stream of illegal funds in the form of kickback, from the wholesalers was generated for the AAP. Further, Smt K Kavitha and her associates were to recover the proceeds of crime paid in advance to AAP and to further generate profits/proceeds of crime from this entire conspiracy.

Till date, the ED has conducted searches on 245 locations across the country including Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, Mumbai and other places. 15 Persons including Manish Sisodia, Sanjay Singh and Vijay Nair from AAP have been arrested in the case so far.

ED has filed 1 Prosecution Complaint and 5 Supplementary Complaints in the case so far.

Further, out of Proceeds of Crime generated, assets worth Rs. 128.79 Crore have been traced so far and have been attached vide Provisional Attachment Orders dated 24.01.2023 and 03.07.2023. Both the attachment orders have been confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority, New Delhi.

Further investigation is in process.