



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has carried out search operations on 17.10.2023 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) at 05 locations of Bengaluru (Karnataka) in the case of M/s Opto Circuits India Ltd and related persons in a Bank Fraud case.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the CBI, BS&FC, Bengaluru City under various sections of IPC, against M/s Opto Circuits India Ltd and its promoters/directors for misappropriation and diversion of loan from a consortium of 8 banks which has outstanding liabilities to the tune of Rs. 883.03 Crore.

ED investigation revealed that the promoters/directors of M/s Opto Circuits India Ltd has forged and fabricated the books of accounts of the company to avail loan from the banks. Further, the loan amount was diverted in the form of investment in subsidiaries in India and foreign countries. Further, the directors/promoters of M/s Opto Circuits India Ltd forged and falsified the financial statements of the company by showing a healthy position on balance sheet by putting huge amount of trade receivables which were not backed by the commensurate credit-worthiness of the buyers. In this manner, M/s Opto Circuits India Ltd misappropriated and diverted the loan facility from the banks, thereby causing a huge loss to the banks.

During the search operations, incriminating documents related to acquisition of movable and immovable properties, diversion of funds to foreign based subsidiaries, records and Foreign Currency/Financial Instruments were found and seized.

Further investigation is under progress.