



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has carried out search operations on 12.01.2024 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 at 14 premises of M/s SEL Textiles Limited and related persons/entities, in Ludhiana and Nawanshahr of Punjab, leading to seizure of Rs. 60 lakh in cash along with incriminating documents and digital evidences.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by CBI, New Delhi under various sections of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against M/s SEL Textiles Limited, Late Ram Saran Saluja, Neeraj Saluja, Dhiraj Saluja and others for causing wrongful loss to a consortium of 10 banks, led by Central Bank of India, to the tune of Rs. 1531 Crore approx. by illegally diverting the loan amount for the purposes other than it was sanctioned.

ED investigation revealed that M/s SEL Textiles Limited and its directors had fraudulently diverted the loan amount availed from consortium of banks, led by Central Bank of India, by using various modus operandi viz. investments made into their subsidiaries in violation of terms & conditions of loan availed; advance payments made to own firms in guise of procuring goods and services which never materialized; purchasing residential flat for personal use; payments made in lieu of import of machineries through intermediaries for which import is pending even after lapse of more than 10 years & non realization of export proceeds.

Earlier, during the course of investigation in this matter, provisional attachment of assets valued at Rs. 829 Crore approx. including land and machinery as well as plant and building located at 04 locations in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan was undertaken which has been confirmed by the Hon'ble Adjudicating Authority for PMLA.

Further investigation is under progress.