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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed Prosecution Complaint on 21.09.2023 against M/s Future Gaming & Hotel Services Private Limited (FGHSPL) and 15 other companies, under PMLA, 2002 before the Hon'ble Special PMLA Court, Kolkata, on 21.09.2023. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the Prosecution Complaint.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by Kolkata Police against M/s Future Gaming & Hotel Services Private Limited (FGHSPL) and other companies under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Lotteries Regulation Act, 1998. The accused persons were found engaged in selling of lotteries organized by the states of Sikkim and Nagaland in whole of India including West Bengal.

ED investigation revealed that M/s Future Gaming & Hotel Services Private Limited (FGHSPL) entered into agreement with various state governments to sell the state organised lotteries in whole of India, however, they have allegedly cheated the lottery issuing State Governments by not depositing the entire sale proceeds generated from the sale of lotteries. The modus operandi also includes illegally retaining unsold lottery, claiming prizes on unsold lotteries, manipulating data to show unsold prize-winning tickets as sold & claimed prizes on same which are also in contravention of Lottery Regulation Act, 1998.

During ED investigation, proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs. 411 Crore were attached/freezeed in the bank accounts of the accused persons vide attachment order dated 31.03.2022. Subsequently, the attachment/freezing order was confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority, PMLA, New Delhi on 22.09.2022.

Further investigation is under progress.