



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Panaji Zonal Office filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Mapusa, Goa on 12.04.2024 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in a Money Laundering case against 36 persons in the matter of **illegal Land Grabbing in Goa**. The Hon'ble Special Court has taken cognizance of the PC on 13.05.2024.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of various FIRs registered in different Police Stations in Goa in the matter of illegal land grabbing in Goa. Further an SIT (Land Grab) has been formed by the Goa Police to investigate all such illegal land grabbing cases in Goa. The SIT (Land Grab) is investigating 41 such land grabbing cases.

ED investigation revealed that the accused persons were involved in the creation of forged and fabricated documents in the names of themselves and their associates and illegally acquired several properties and further sold some of these properties and generated proceeds of crime.

Earlier, ED had attached 31 such properties having approximate value of Rs. 535 Crore vide Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) dated 23.11.2023. Further properties in respect of which no complaints/FIRs were registered, were also attached by ED as they were illegally acquired properties.

Two persons namely Rajkumar Maithi and Vikrant Shetty were arrested by ED during the course of investigation for their involvement in illegal land grabbing in Goa and are presently in judicial custody.

Further investigation is under progress.