



**Press Release**  
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has arrested two persons namely, Sathish Kumar and Kiran P P, on 04.09.2023 under the provisions of the PMLA, 2002, in Karuvannur Service Co-Operative Society Bank fraud case. Consequent to the searches conducted by ED and post search investigation, it was revealed that Kiran P.P was the beneficiary of illegally sanctioned loans in the names of benamis using Benami properties and thereby generated proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs.48.57 Crore including principal and interest which remained unpaid to the Bank. Sathish Kumar P. has also committed the scheduled offence and generated proceeds of crime of more than Rs.14 Crore in the form of illegal loans from the Bank. The accused were produced before the designated PMLA Special Court and they have been remanded to ED Custody for 3 days.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of Police FIR, wherein the Bank officials and staff with the help of private individuals, from the period 2014 to 2020 had swindled more than Rs.150 Crore by cheating the bank and made pecuniary personal gains for themselves by sanctioning more than one loan to the same person beyond the bank Loan limits, giving more than one loan on the pledge of the same property, giving memberships to ineligible members by using fake documents and the fake address, manipulating the bank software, giving loans to non-members on the pledge of benami properties, etc.

Earlier, ED had provisionally attached properties worth Rs. 30 Crore including a resort in Thekkady, Kerala built out of the proceeds of crime.

Further investigation is under progress.