



**Press Release**  
**20.10.2023**

Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached 11 immovable assets in the form of Flats, Residential Houses, agricultural land and crypto currency valued at Rs.3.24 Crore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 belonging to Shantanu Gupta, Shashank Gupta, Abdul Wahab Yasir, Mohit Haldar, Puneet Dubey, and others located at various places in Uttar Pradesh on 20.10.2023 in the case of M/s Hatsh Telecom and others.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of Case registered by Narcotics Control Bureau, Lucknow Zonal Unit against M/s Hatsh Telecom and others.

ED investigation revealed that Shantanu Gupta, Shashank Gupta, Abdul Wahab Yasir, Mohit Haldar, Puneet Dubey, and others were running a narcotics business through a call center in Lucknow in the guise of software related Businesses through 9 bogus companies viz. M/s Epitome Telecommunications Pvt.Ltd, M/s Hatsh Telecom Private Limited, M/s Jeo Pardy Telecom Pvt. Ltd., M/s Morpheus Telecom Pvt. Limited, M/s Sky Dreams Telecomm. Pvt. Ltd., M/s Sky High Telecommunication, M/s CG Telecallers Private Limited, M/s YS Telecom Private Limited & M/s 99 Style Retail Pvt. Ltd. Through the call centre they used call their customers based in USA and get orders of psychotropic substances which were then forwarded to Sagar Asthana and Puneet Dubey, who later ship them as parcels through Indian Post to their USA based clients.

ED investigation has so far revealed that all the attached properties were acquired through the proceeds of the crime derived from trafficking of narcotics and psychotropic substances to USA during the crime period i.e. between 2013 and 2017. Through this modus the above companies received a total of **Rs 23.67 Crore** in around **43 bank accounts**. These funds were immediately siphoned off by the directors of these companies in order to acquire properties at various locations.

Further investigation is under progress.