



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has carried out search operation on Wallet/User ID in Binance Crypto Exchange leading to freezing of 150.22 Bitcoins equivalent to USD 24,86,693.73 (Rs 22.82 Crore) under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in respect to an investigation being conducted relating to the Mobile Gaming Application, namely E-nuggets.

The instant case was registered on the basis of FIR dated 15.02.2021 filed under various sections of IPC by Park Street Police Station, Kolkata Police, against Aamir Khan & others, based on complaint filed by Federal Bank authorities, in the court of Learned Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Calcutta.

Aamir Khan, S/o Nesar Ahmed Khan launched a mobile gaming application namely E-Nuggets, which was designed for the purpose of defrauding public. Further, after collecting sizeable amount from the public, all of the sudden, the withdrawal from the said App, was stopped, on one pretext or the other. Thereafter, all data including profile information was wiped off from the said App servers.

It was revealed during investigation that multiple accounts (more than 300) were used to launder the money. Proceeds were also used to purchase Crypto currencies.

Earlier during investigation conducted against Aamir Khan & associates:

- Rs 17.32 Crore cash was found and seized from the residential premises of Aamir Khan.
- 85.91870554 Bitcoins equivalent to USD 16,74,255.7 (Then valued at Rs 13.56 Cr approx. as per market exchange rate) found in balance in Binance Exchange was frozen.
- crypto currencies [WRX (utility token of WazirX) and USDT] equivalent to Rs 47.64 Lakhs was frozen in WazirX Accounts.
- Amount of Rs 5.47 Crore as found in the bank account of Aamir Khan and his accomplice has been frozen.
- Cash amounting to Rs 1.65 Crore and 44.5 Bitcoins (then valued at Rs 7.12 Crore) was seized and frozen from residential premises of Romen Agarwal.
- Romen Agarwal was arrested who is actively involved in inter/intra country transactions related with transfer of ill-gotten money within & outside the countries received from criminals. He is currently under Judicial Custody.



During investigations conducted under PMLA so far, an amount of Rs. 68.42 Crore has been seized/ frozen in total.

Further investigation is under progress.
