



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement(ED) has carried out search operation at two premises in Kolkata leading of Seizure of Cash amount of Rs **1.65 Cr** and freezing of **44.5 Bitcoin** (equivalent to Rs 7.12 Cr as per market exchange rate) and other incriminating documents 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 handsome 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 that multiple accounts (more than 300) were used to launder the money.

Earlier during search operation conducted against Aamir Khan an amount of **Rs 17.32 Cr** was found and seized from the residential premises and **85.91870554 Bitcoins equivalent to USD 1674255.7 (equivalent to 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 (Tether, an Ethereum token that is pegged to the value of a U.S. dollar)] equivalent to **Rs 47.64 Lakhs** was also frozen in WazirX Accounts. Amount of **Rs 5.47 Cr** as found in the bank account of Aamir Khan and his accomplice has been frozen.

During investigations conducted under PMLA so far, an amount of Rs **51.16 Cr** has been seized/ frozen in total in this case.

Further investigation is under progress.

