



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached properties worth Rs. 3.59 Crore including 6 landed properties, 12 vehicles, cash and bank deposits belonging to Suresh Raj A., Satkunam @Sabeshan, Ramesh A. and Soundararajan @Sounder in the case of seizure of drugs and arms from Sri Lankan nationals in Sri Lankan boat named 'Ravihansi'.

On 18.03.2021, the Indian Coast Guard intercepted one Sri Lankan fishing boat named 'Ravihansi' near Minicoy Island, Lakshadweep within the territorial waters of India and on rummaging, it was found that the boat was carrying huge quantity of contraband articles (300.323 kilograms Heroin) along with Five (05 Nos.) assault rifles and One Thousand (1000 Nos.) 9 mm ammunitions. Subsequently NIA, Kochi taken over the investigation and registered an FIR and thereafter filed a charge sheet against Sri Lankan nationals and others.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR registered by NIA, Kochi and investigation under PMLA revealed that the drugs and arms smuggled in Sri Lankan boat 'Ravihansi' were meant for Suresh, Satkunam and their associates and sale proceeds of the said drugs would be used for purchasing the next consignment of drugs and also for revival of proscribed terrorist organization LTTE. Investigation further revealed that Suresh Raj A. and Satkunam were involved in similar crime earlier with the active support of Ramesh and Soundarajan. Suresh Raj A. and Satkunam were convicted earlier in NDPS case. Criminal case under the schedule offence is pending against Soundarajan. The proceeds of crime totalling to Rs. 3.59 Crore in the form of six (6 Nos.) landed properties, twelve (12 Nos.) vehicles, cash and bank deposits were derived/obtained by commission of schedule offence.

Since the accused persons are possessing/concealing/using such proceeds of crime worth Rs.3.59 Crore, the same has provisionally been attached vide PAO dated 08.04.2022.

Further investigation is in progress.
