

## Press Release 25.06.2021

Directorate of Enforcement has arrested Ajay Chandrashekar Baheti under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002(PMLA) on 24.06.2021 and he was produced before the Hon'ble Court on 25.06.2021. Hon'ble Court has granted custody of eight days to ED.

Enforcement Directorate initiated investigation on the basis of the FIR and chargesheet filed by Maharashtra Police against Ajay Chandrashekhar Baheti under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The accused gained an illicit pecuniary advantage from Public Distribution System by forming Syndicate and thereby started systematic theft of Government Quota ration grain at Nanded. During the investigation, it was revealed that the accused person had indulged in unlawful activities and illegal profiteering. The modus operandi was that PDS Food Grain (wheat and rice) from the warehouses of Food Corporation of India was transported in trucks to various tehsils of Nanded District and Hingoli Districts Maharashtra. These trucks were diverted to the factory of Ajay Chandrashekhar Baheti namely M/s India Agro Anaj Limited instead of their designated destination. This scam involved more than 3000 ration shops of 2 Districts and 28 Godowns of the Food Corporation of India. Some unknown agents, traders, business people and Government Officials were also involved in the said scam.

Further investigation is in progress.

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