



## **Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has attached three immovable properties - one Bungalow on ECR and two Agricultural Lands in Thiruvannamalai District owned by Sri Lankan Nationals Gunasekaran @ Perama Kumar, his son Dileep @ Thileep amounting to Rs. 33.7 Lakh in relation to a Money Laundering case recorded against certain Sri Lankan Individuals.

ED initiated money laundering on the basis of FIR dated 12.10.2020 registered by the Q-Branch, CID, Kancheepuram. It is alleged that Gunasekaran @ Perama Kumar, his son Dileep @ Thileep and others have committed offenses covered under the Foreigners Act, Passports Act, NDPS Act, and Indian Penal Code. The accused individuals had created and used fake identity cards such as PAN, Aadhar, and Driving Licenses over a period and stayed illegally in India.

During the course of investigation under PMLA, 2002, it was found out that Gunasekaran @ Perama Kumar, A Suresh Raj and Mohamed Sherif and Raja Medura Gedara @ Gamini were involved in buying and selling of drugs covered under the NDPS, Act, and for the said crime they were convicted by the Hon'ble Special Court under the NDPS Act, Chennai in 2011. After the completion of their stay in the Prison, they further changed their identity and generated proceeds of crime.

The properties attached in the instant case are all purchased after 2011 and the accused were not able to explain the source of funds used in the purchase of the same. It was further revealed that the market value of the said immovable properties are much higher than the value mentioned in the documents.

The investigation further revealed that certain individuals were actively linked to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Accused Gunasekaran @ Perama Kumar was charged of attacking former Sri Lankan Prime Minister Chandrika Kumaratunga. Certain accused persons have been accused of murder and buying, selling of drugs, and other illegal activities also in Sri Lanka.

Further investigation is in progress.