



## **Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached assets worth Rs. 1.54 Crore in bank accounts of M/s. Indians for Amnesty International Trust (IAIT) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by CBI, EOU-IV, New Delhi against M/s. Amnesty International India Pvt Ltd. (AIPL) and others under Section 120(B) IPC, 1860 and Sections 11, 35 & 39 of FCRA, Foreign Contributions Regulatory Act, 2010.

In this case, Amnesty International India Foundation Trust (AIIFT) had been granted of permission under the FCRA, 2010 during 2011-12 for receiving foreign contributions from Amnesty International UK. However, the same was cancelled and permission/registration has been denied, M/s Amnesty International India Pvt Ltd (AIPL) and M/s Indians Amnesty International Trust (IAIT) were formed in the year 2013-14 and 2012-13 respectively to escape the FCRA route and carried out NGO activities in the guise of service export and FDI.

Investigation by ED revealed that upon cancellation of FCRA Licence of M/s. Amnesty International India Foundation Trust, a new method was adopted by Amnesty entities to receive money from abroad, that, M/s. Amnesty International, U.K. sent Rs. 51.72 Crore to AIPL in the guise of Export of Services and Foreign Direct Investment, however, there was no documentary proof for the alleged export such as invoices and copies of the agreement submitted during the investigation. It is prima facie found that Amnesty International (UK) invested in Amnesty International India Pvt. Ltd (AIPL) in form of "Compulsory Convertible Debentures". Subsequently, another Indian entity, Indians for Amnesty International Trust (IAIT) established an overdraft facility for Rs. 14.25 Crore keeping the Rs.10.00 Crore FD of AIPL as collateral. The overdraft facility was used by IAIT for Amnesty India's NGO activities including salary and administrative and operational expenses. Therefore, the FDI received by AIPL are being used by the Indians for Amnesty International Trust, Bengaluru to carry out its NGO activities. It is seen that there is a layering of remittances received by AIPL, a company into M/s IAIT, a charitable trust.

With the present attachment, total attachment in the case stands at Rs 21.08 Crore.