



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office, has provisionally attached movable properties, totally valued at Rs.13,76,96,706/-, and immovable properties valued at Rs.9,58,50,000/- totalling to Rs. 23,35,46,706/- under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in the case of K. C. Veerendra & Others. The attachment has been made vide Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) No. 42/2026 dated 23.10.2026, representing the equivalent value of Proceeds of Crime, found in the possession of K. C. Veerendra, Gulshan Khattar and Neha Tandon.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of multiple FIRs alleging cheating, cheating by personation, criminal conspiracy and extortion through online betting and gambling platforms. Investigation revealed a nationwide network of betting websites, payment gateways, shell companies and mule accounts allegedly controlled by K.C. Veerendra and his associates for generating and laundering Proceeds of Crime. The suspected proceeds derived from the scheduled offences were allegedly layered through complex financial transactions and utilised for acquisition of assets and personal enrichment, leading to registration of ECIR and commencement of investigation under the provisions of the PMLA.

The investigation carried out by this Directorate, has revealed that K.C. Veerendra and his associates operated illegal online betting platforms, including King567, through a network of payment gateways, shell companies and mule accounts, whereby players were induced to deposit funds and subsequently cheated through manipulated betting operations and blocked withdrawals. The investigation traced proceeds of crime exceeding Rs. 2,300 Crore, which were layered through multiple accounts, hawala channels and offshore entities, and utilized for acquisition of luxury assets, business investments, foreign remittances and personal expenses, thereby establishing the accused's involvement in concealment, possession, use and projection of proceeds of crime as untainted property, constituting the offence of money laundering under Section 3 of the PMLA.

In the instant case, Proceeds of Crime were found to be received, in the hands of M/s Fonepaisa Payment Solutions Private Limited, beneficially owned by Gulshan Khattar, who had received huge amount of commission for providing services as a key payment gateway and financial intermediary in the illegal online betting ecosystem. Out of the PoC so received, assets worth approximately Rs.33 Crore were attached vide PAO dated 29.01.2026. During the course of investigation, M/s SimTech was found to have received credits from identified mule bank accounts linked to king567. Neha Tandon, Director of M/s SimTech IT Solutions Private Limited, had no active role in its management and the same were handled by her husband, Gulshan Khattar. The receipt of tainted funds by M/s SimTech, coupled with Khattar's control over the entity and his role in the generation and movement of PoC through M/s Fonepaisa, forms basis that properties held by or in the name of Neha Tandon constitute or represent Proceeds of Crime.

Earlier, in the case, ED had conducted extensive search and seizure operations across more than 60 premises in several States under Section 17 of PMLA, during which large quantities of cash, gold bullion, gold and silver jewellery, balances lying in mule accounts, vehicles, digital devices and incriminating documents were seized/frozen. ED had also arrested KC Veerendra under Section 19 of PMLA.

Investigation in under PMLA resulted in filing of a Prosecution Complaint dated 18.10.2025 and a Supplementary Prosecution Complaint dated 20.02.2026, pursuant to which cognizance was taken by the Hon'ble Special Court, PMLA, on 04.05.2026.

In continuation of the seizure/freezing of movable/immovable assets, earlier, this Directorate had provisionally attached properties worth Rs.177.30 Crore, which was subsequently confirmed by the Hon'ble Adjudicating Authority, PMLA, New Delhi. Further, vide the instant PAO, additional movable and immovable properties valued at Rs. 23.35 Crore have also been attached. Accordingly, the aggregate value of properties attached/seized/frozen till date exceeds, Rs. 343 Crore, under provisions of the PMLA, 2002.

The instant provisional attachment has been made to safeguard the value of the Proceeds of Crime, in accordance with the provisions of PMLA, 2002.

Further investigation is under progress.