Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Visakhapatnam Sub-Zonal Office has carried out search operations under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at 07 premises located in the cities of Delhi and Kolkata, in respect to investigation relating to illegal transfer of funds outside India in the guise of payments for import of customized software on the basis of forged documents.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of FIR registered under various sections of IPC by M.V.P. Police Station, Visakhapatnam, on the complaint of the Income Tax Department, against Vaddi Mahesh and others. They were accused of conspiring together, creating false and forged documents and using the same as genuine to make foreign outward remittances through various banks. It was revealed that Vaddi Mahesh, along with his father and others, floated several companies with registered offices in Kolkata and opened bank accounts in their names, through which an amount of Rs. 569.03 crore was transferred to five companies in Singapore, Hong Kong and China, ostensibly towards purchase of customized software. However, fabricated invoices of the foreign companies were submitted to the banks and no software was imported against these remittances.

The money laundering investigation conducted by the Directorate of Enforcement has revealed that Bhimendra Kumar Goyal, a habitual offender detained thrice under COFEPOSA, was smuggling cosmetics, electronic goods, textile fabrics, etc. into India by evading customs duty, including by misusing the Customs Transit Declaration Scheme available for Nepal. In order to pay the overseas suppliers and to launder the proceeds of crime generated from sale of the smuggled goods, he approached Vaddi Mahesh through his associates. Investigation has shown that during 2014-17, Vaddi Mahesh received funds in the bank accounts of his shell companies from various entities and remitted the same abroad on the instructions of Bhimendra Kumar Goyal. These funds were parked in dormant or newly incorporated companies in Singapore and Hong Kong held by nominee directors, and were further transferred to the bank accounts of Bhimendra Kumar Goyal and the companies of his family members, viz. M/s Swiss Fox Pte Ltd and M/s Bhav Technology China Limited, thereby projecting the proceeds of crime as untainted. Investigation further revealed that Bhimendra Kumar Goyal, in collusion with Pawan

Kumar Ralli, operated fake firms, M/s Mehak Overseas, M/s Karan Overseas and M/s Geet Enterprises in fictitious names at fake addresses in New Delhi, and that part of the proceeds of crime was also diverted abroad through M/s Village Handicraft Export and received in M/s Eagle Mount Trading Pte Ltd, Singapore, beneficially owned by Ashish Todi. The proceeds of crime in this case are prima facie estimated to be about Rs. 1,500 crore.

The search operation led to seizure of unaccounted/unexplainable cash worth of INR 47 Lakh and foreign currency amounting to USD 5900, 2200 AED, 5600 RMB/CNY alongwith voluminous incriminating documents/records/property papers and digital devices containing evidence of layering of proceeds of crime and its transfer outside India through shell entities.

Further investigation is under progress.