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GST - Grievance Redressal Committees at Zonal/State

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To,
The Director,
Central Bureau of Investigation,
Plot no 5-B, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

Sub. :- Regarding R C No. RC 24 & 25 of 2024 EO -III Branch Delhi. (FIR No. 06/2024 of PS ACB/EOW, Chhattisgarh u/s 406, 420, 467, 468, 471, 34, 120B of IPC read sections 7, 11 of PC Act 2018) related to heinous crime of Mahadev online Gaming App being investigated by **CBI** vide notification of Govt. of C.G. No. F-4-156/ Home-C/2024 dated 01/10/2024 And No.F-4-157/Home-C/2024 dated 23/08/2024 and Government of India Notification No. 228/76/2024-ADV-II/2 dated 11/12/2024

Ref. :- Statements of Mr. Chandrabhushan Verma , ASI of Chhattisgarh Police, Mr. Shubam Soni proprietor of Mahadev App Resident of Dubai, Mr. Satish Chandrakar & Mr. Asim Das resident of Bhilai etc in Mahadev betting App Scam recorded under Section 50 of PMLA Act by Enforcement Directorate .

Dear Sir,

The undersigned is a social activist who takes upon himself the responsibility to draw your kind attention , to the investigation related to **Mahadev online Gaming App** being investigated by **CBI** . The issue is serious because it has been perpetuated by organized syndicate of influential officers of **Indian Police Service of Chhattisgarh** who manned sensitive positions in the State in collusion with certain influential politicians of the State. **More so the said crime has trans-national footprints with possibility of its nexus with terror and narco funding.**

Few of the facts that need to be brought to your knowledge to facilitate the said investigation are detailed below:

1. **Trans-National Dimension:**

Trans-national dimension can be gauged from the following information.

- i. Allegations of payment of Rs. 508 Crores as protection money to Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh by Mr. Shubam Soni, one of the promoters of this scam located in Dubai are leveled in his affidavit which reveal the trans-national nature of this scam.



- ii. It has been reported in Media and confirmed by sources that the above money is also linked with the terror funding of gangster Dawood Ibrahim in collusion with the promoters of **Mahadev betting App**.
- iii. ASI Mr Chandrabhushan Verma, confessed in the custody of ED that he received more than 81 Crores from Dubai through Hawala Channels to be distributed to Senior Police functionaries manning sensitive positions as protection money for smooth operations of the **Mahadev betting App in Chhattisgarh**.
- iv. Mr. Chandrabhushan Verma further revealed that the daughter of Mr. Ravi Uppal & Mr. Anand Chhabra, IPS the then IG Intelligence/Raipur Range was studying in Delhi Public School, Risali Bhalai. From that time they were close with each other. At the time of the incident, the daughters of both of them read in London. Further, IPS Mr. Anand Chabda met Ravi Uppal in May-June, 2023 in London. Therefore, a detailed investigation is required into the illegal activity of Anand Chabda, IPS who after knowing that Rahul Uppal is the promoter of illegal betting App scam and against whom offences were then pending in various Police Stations of Chhattisgarh and also various other parts of the country met with him in London. The expenditure borne on his visit to London and that which is borne on the studies of his daughter in London need investigation.
- v. There is Involvement of international hawala operators across various states and abroad for siphoning of proceeds of this betting App.

2. Involvement of Senior Police Officers:

- i. Involvement of Senior police officers of Chhattisgarh police can be gauged from the statement of Chandrabhushan Verma an ASI of Chhattisgarh police who deposed before ED that *before May, 2022 Saurabh Chandrakar and Ravi Uppal were directly in touch with the Int. IG (**Anand Chabda**), IG (administration) (**Anand Chabda**) & SP of Durg (**Prashant Aggarwal and Abhishek Pallav**) and SP of Raipur (**Sheikh Arif & Prashant Aggarwal**), because at that time they had small level of businesses and got protection from them. The various payments made as protection money as revealed by Chandrabhushan are as under:*



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| Name of bureaucrats | Amount paid per month | Posted Area | Carrier |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| IG (<u>Anand Chabda</u>) | 20 lacs | Intelligence & Raipur, IG | Abhishek Maheshwari |
| SSP (<u>Sheikh Arif</u>) | 10 lacs | SSP, Raipur & Chief of ACB / EOW | Abhishek Maheshwari, Addition SP |
| SSP | 10 lacs | SSP – Durg & Raipur | Vijay Pandey, Head Constable |
| SP <u>Abhishek Pallav</u> | 10 lacs | SP - Durg | Bhim Yadav Constable |
| SP <u>Prashant Aggarwal</u> | 10 lacs | SP, Durg | Yashwant Sahu, News Portal Bhilai Times |
| Sanjay Dhruv, Addl SP | 20 lacs | SP, Durg | Amit Dubey Constable |
| Abhishek Maheshwari, Additional SP | 35 lacs | Additional SP Intelligence Govt. of C.G. / Additional SP, Raipur | Sandeep Deekshit, Raipur, Constable / Rohit Uppal, Rahul Uppal & Prashant Ttripathi |
| Somya Chaurasia, DS | Approxe. | Deputy Secretary of Govt. of C.G. | Manish Upadhyay |
| Vijay Bhatia | Approxer | Uncle of Ravi Uppal | Rohit Uppal & Rahul Uppal |
| Dr Suraj Kumar Kashyap, OSD to CM | 35 lacs one time | OSD to CM, May 2023. | Prashant Tripathi, friend of Rohit & Rahul Uppal |

- ii. After May, 2022, as their area expanded all over the Chhattisgarh, involvement of OSD of CM Mr. Vinod Verma for Protection from Police action became necessary. Thereafter, Vinod Verma, started to provide them police protection by abusing his position and in turn he also started demanding the gratification from them. Shri Vinod Verma received huge amount from the promoters of **Mahadev Book Online App.**”
- iii. Enforcement Directorate in their pleadings in the Ld trial court which are part of record has alleged that huge money was transferred from Dubai to be distributed to senior IPS officers as protection money for running illegal operations of **Mahadev betting App** in Chhattisgarh. These allegations have been further strengthened in ED's letter

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to ACB Chhattisgarh requesting action against these police officers and their associates.

- iv. Shubam Soni another promoter of Mahadev betting App has in his affidavit to Enforcement Directorate has further stated his associations with various police officers of Chhattisgarh and Prashant Aggarwal SSP Raipur in particular.

3. Involvement of influential accused/suspects:

- i. There was a conspicuous delay in filing of FIR despite repeated reminders by ED. Thereafter, under the influence of a powerful police officer the FIR was finally registered against unknown police officers despite the names of police officers being known. Therefore, the powerful syndicate of Anand Chabda, IPS (IG Level officer), Sheikh Arif, IPS (IG level officer), Prashant Aggarwal, IPS etc who happened to be the beneficiaries of this scam have been influencing ACB investigation right from the beginning because of which it has been transferred to CBI.
- ii. ***It has been revealed from other sources that out of the proceeds of crime Mr Anand Chabda, IPS has bought benami properties in gated colonies like Pinnacle and Bell Air in Gurgaon . He has bought a pent house C-184 in pinnacle and another benami penthouse A-183 in the name of his friend Masood Mallik . In bell air also a little inquiry will reveal the truth about his benami investment.***
- iii. *Sh. Ravi Uppal and Sh. Saurabh Chandrakar are the promoters of Mahadev App. Sh. Ravi Uppal is relative of Sh. Vinod Verma (niece of Ravi Uppal is daughter-in-law of Vinod Verma) . Sh. Vinod Verma was the then Political Advisor of Chhattisgarh Government . In the said statement of Chandrabhushan there is clear cut allegation of payment of 5 crs to Vinod Verma. The political syndicate of Bhupesh Baghel and Vinod Verma is also very influential in Chhattisgarh and can influence the witnesses very easily.*
- iv. *The profile of other persons listed below and involved in the scam also reflects their power and influence.*

| S. No | Name of person | Details |
|-------|------------------|--|
| 1 | Vjay Bhatia | Owner of Bhatia Furniture in Bhilai and close friend to CM of Chhattisgarh. |
| 2 | Laxmikant Bansal | He IS engaged In Real Estate and at present he is working Vitthalpuramproject. |
| 3 | Ashish Verma | He is OSD to CM of Chhattisgarh and living in Bhilai |
| 4 | Manish Banchor | He IS OSD to CM of Chhattisgarh and living in Bhilai |



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v. It was further revealed by Shri Chandrabhushan that **certain immovable properties are purchased / constructed in the name of politicians/ bureaucrats from the amount that was received from Mr. Chiku Motwani, who is owner of Symmers club, friend of Ravi Uppal and Saurabh Chandrakar apparently from proceeds of crime. Till date these properties have not been attached. These properties are listed below;**

- a. *A flat in Ramayan Enclave, Kamadiah Shankar Nagar, Raipur was purchased by Shri Abhishek Maheshwari, Additional, SP.*
- b. *Amount used to construct house of Piyush Bhatia in Swarnbhumi Raipur.*
- c. *Benami immovable properties were purchased by Rohit Uppal & Rahul Uppal in the name of Sibul Khan in Bilaspur Bilaspur."*

4. The above information that has been revealed is only tip of the ice berg. Further, the financial trails involve complex layering with footprints spread across various states and trans-national boundaries. Bhupesh Baghel is the king pin of this scam facilitated by some of his blue eyed police officers as stated above. Therefore, in public interest effective action should be taken which should start with attachment of all the said properties in compliance of the mission of our Hon'ble Prime Minister. Anticipating an effective action from your end in Public interest.

Yours faithfully,


(Naresh Chander Gupta)

Enclosed:

1. RUD - 39 - Statement of Shri Chandrabhushan Verma U/s 50 of The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 on 22/08/2023.
2. Government of Chhattisgarh Notification No. F-4-156/ Home-C/2024 dated 01/10/2024.
3. Government of India Notification No. 228/76/2024-ADV-II/2 dated 11/12/2024.
4. FIR by EOW, Raipur Chhattisgarh Dated 04/03/2024 No.8/2024 of Year 2024.