



PRESS RELEASE
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Panaji Zonal Office has arrested Rohan Harmalkar, one of the key masterminds behind the Goa Land Scam, on 03.06.2025 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, as part of the ongoing probe in the land scam case involving Rohan Harmalkar and others. He was produced before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Mapusa on 04.06.2025 and the Hon'ble Court granted ED custody of the accused till 18.06.2025 (14 days).

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by the Goa Police against Rohan Harmalkar and others under various sections of the IPC, 1860, for defrauding rightful property owners through fraudulent means, including impersonation, creation of fake documents, tampering with revenue records, etc. These properties—originally owned by individuals and family estates—were unlawfully sold without their consent, causing significant financial and legal distress to the victims.

ED investigation revealed that Rohan Harmalkar is one of the key conspirators of the Goa Land Scam, orchestrating the forgery and manipulation of sale deeds for multiple properties. He has also impersonated legitimate heirs, counterfeited government stamps, and used these forged documents as genuine to unlawfully acquire properties.

Earlier, on 24.04.2025, search operations conducted by the ED discovered voluminous incriminating property documents indicating manipulation of land records and fraudulent transfers of high-value land parcels spanning several lakh square meters in prime tourist hotspots such as Anjuna, Arpora, and Assagao in Bardez Taluka, Goa.

During the searches and the post-search investigation, Rohan Harmalkar remained absconding. He was subsequently arrested on 03.06.2025.

Further investigation is under progress.