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ED seizes ₹590 crore worth financial assets of Winzo

Winzo was into the business of hosting Real Money Games/gambling, offering over 100 games with a claimed user base of about 25 crore

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THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office, has seized bank accounts, FDs, mutual funds, bonds of Winzo Pvt. Ltd and its subsidiary, Zo Pvt Ltd, valued at ₹590 crore under Section 37A of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, for contravention under Section 4 of FEMA, 1999.

Winzo was into the business of hosting Real Money Games (RMG)/gambling, offering more than 100 number games with a claimed user base of about 25 crore users. Winzo has made overseas direct investment to its foreign subsidiaries – Winzo US Inc, USA and Winzo SG Pte Ltd, Singapore, by acquiring foreign exchange to the tune of USD 54,255,010 (Rs 492crore), the central agency said in a press release.

Winzo has been conducting real-money gaming operations (online gambling) by offering games such as Bingo 2p, Bingo Turbo, Ludo, Snakes & Ladders, Mines, Solitaire, Spades and Black Jack etc, in Brazil, Germany and the United States through its US-based subsidiary, Winzo US Inc, USA. Winzo has parked its funds abroad under the guise of overseas direct investment, however, the entire gaming infrastructure for these overseas operations is shared and controlled from India.

The foreign entities do not have any regular employees or independent establishments to carry out their operations. The complete management and control of these entities, including day-to-day functioning, is exercised by directors and employees from India. Further, all accounting records, management of foreign bank accounts and related financial functions of the US and Singapore entities are handled from India. WinZO Singapore is earning a licensing fee from call-break games by licensing it to WinZO India, the release stated.

Further, ED investigation revealed that Winzo Pvt Ltd also incorporated 100% subsidiary in the USA and Singapore, which are into gambling/real money games, which are prohibited as per Rule 19 (1) (b) of the Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Rules, 2022. Further, foreign subsidiaries of Winzo games are into non bonafide business activity (not permissible under any law in force in India) in contravention of Rule 9(1) of the FEM (Overseas Investment) Rules, 2022.

Online games have been banned in India by the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025 (PROG) Act, 2025 and therefore Winzo could not have made overseas investments or continued investments after enforcement of online gaming ban in India.

Winzo is holding foreign currency and foreign income generated abroad in bank accounts of its USA and Singapore subsidiaries from prohibited activities in contravention of Section 4 of FEMA, 1999, to the extent of Rs 590crore, the ED said.

68-yr-old killed in front of bedridden husband

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 68-year-old woman was murdered and robbed in front of her bedridden husband at their residence on Pete Beedhi within the Nelamangala Town police limits on Wednesday. The crime came to light around 6.30 pm when a physiotherapist arrived for the husband's session and found him lying beside his wife's body.

The deceased has been identified as Shobha, who lived with her husband, Ranganath. The couple had no children, and the husband had been bedridden for 12 years.

The accused, Shiva Kumar (35), a neighbour and wholesale shop owner, reportedly entered the house by asking for water. He then slit her throat and fled with gold ornaments weighing around 450 grams, including the ones the victim was wearing. Investigations revealed that Kumar had a loan of Rs 8 lakh due to gambling. CCTV footage captured his movements, showing him entering the house around 1.03 pm. When the police arrived, the accused was near the scene and was later seen leaving on a scooter.

Forest personnel to guard forest fringes to prevent accidental fire

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madikeri

'Fire Watchmen' guard the Anechowkuru-Hunsuru route to prevent parking of vehicles as a precautionary measure to curb forest fire | EXPRESS

Ahead of the summer season, the forest department is taking measures to control forest fires across Kodagu district. Extra attention is being paid to ensure the safety of the forest fringes lining the highways, even as over 60 forest personnel will monitor and ensure safety across these fringes.

The forest regions across the Annekadu and Thithimathi-Anechowkuru are more vulnerable to accidental forest fires in the district, as these forest fringes are lined beside National Highways. As small as a cigarette bud can spark forest fires in these regions, and extra precautions have been taken to curb the same. The department has completed drawing fire lines by these forest fringes, and additional staff have been deployed across these fringes to monitor safety measures.

"In view of the increasing forest areas in the Mattigodu forest area and Chennangi area, an additional 65 fire watchmen and 5 watchtowers have been constructed," confirmed Devaraj, Mathigodu RFO. He explained that senior officers are conducting a beat regularly to monitor arrangements to curb forest fires.

The department has deployed 'fire watchmen' who will monitor the ongoing situation across the highway lining the forest fringes. These watchmen will curb unnecessary parking of vehicles by the roadside and also alert the department in case of an accidental fire. The deployed watchmen will also curb increased cases of littering by the forest fringes.

The RFO confirmed that these fire personnel have been deployed every 200 meters on the Anechowkuru-Hunsuru route, lining the forest.

In case of an accidental fire in the forest area, fire brigade vehicles will be deployed from Gonikoppal at the earliest. However, to avoid the delay, a fire brigade team has been deployed in front of the Mathigodu Forest Office.

WILD ELEPHANT HERD ATTACKS A MOVING CAR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madikeri

A herd of wild elephants attacked a moving car during the night hours on Wednesday. The incident was reported on Mysuru Road in Siddapura. The driver of the car, luckily, escaped unhurt.

At around 9 pm, Prajith, a resident of Puliyeri village, was returning from Mysuru. Near Siddapura, he observed a wild elephant walking by the roadside, and he immediately slowed down the vehicle. However, there were other elephants in the herd, and they ambushed and attacked the car.

A total of four wild elephants attacked and damaged the vehicle, even as the driver sat inside the vehicle in fear. However, the commotion alerted the owner of a nearby estate, Anil, who rushed to the spot.

After the elephants returned to the forest, Anil calmed the panic-stricken driver. The spot was later visited by the Virajpet division forest department staff.

The car damaged by the wild elephant herd | EXPRESS

80-yr-old man dies in suspected short-circuit fire

ENS @Bengaluru

AN 80-year-old man living alone was charred to death in a suspected house fire in Mylasandra, under the Kengeri police limits, in the early hours of Thursday.

The deceased has been identified as Mailarappa, who had undergone amputation of his left leg due to gangrene. His granddaughter, Ramya, who lives nearby, regularly took care of him by providing food and other essentials.

According to the police, the incident occurred at 2.20 am while Mailarappa was asleep. Due to his amputation, he was unable to alert anyone or escape. A neighbour noticed the fire and alerted Ramya, who, along with her husband and neighbours, tried to douse the flames. Ramya's husband later removed a portion of the roof sheet and found Mailarappa's charred body inside. The Fire and Emergency Services personnel extinguished the fire.

The police registered an Unnatural Death Report (UDR) and are investigating the exact cause of the fire, which is suspected to have been caused by a short circuit. Foul play has not been ruled out, and the body has been sent for postmortem examination.

FOOD SAFETY AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
Office of the Principal Scientific Officer, Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, KIADB Industrial Area, 2nd Stage, Rayapur, Hubballi-580009.
No.: FDA/RDTL/e-Tender/TIA/PP-03/2025-26 Date: 19.02.2026
TENDER NOTIFICATION-Call 2
(Through KPP Portal only) (One Cover System)
Short term re-tender is invited for the supply of HPLC columns to the Drugs Testing Laboratory, Bengaluru, and the Regional Drugs Testing Laboratories at Hubballi and Ballari **Call–2.**
Tender No: FSDA/2025-26/IND0008.
Further details can be obtained from Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- The Chairman, Tender Inviting Authority, Principal Scientific Officer (I/C)
DIPR/CP/JA/5758/2025-26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. SEE/Tr(Op)C-N/EEE/AEE-1/F-807&808/25-26/3764 Date: 19.02.2026
TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)
KPTCL invites for the following tenders under the jurisdiction of Transmission (Operation) Circle-North, KPTCL Bengaluru.
1) Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/IND0279 for Design, Manufacture, Testing and supply of 42 no's. of 800-400/1-1-1A ratio 66kV Current Transformers for various sub-stations.
2) Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/IND0278 for Design, Manufacture Testing and supply of 30 no's. of 1200-800/1-1-1A ratio 66kV Current Transformers for various sub-stations.
The Bids will be received only through KPP Portal. The detailed notification can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **20.02.2026.** Any additional information shall be obtained from the undersigned.
Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Elec.), Transmission (Operation) Circle-North, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbala, Bengaluru-560 004,**

ಹಾಸನ ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ ನಿಯಮಿತ
ಕೈಗಾರಿಕ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ, ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ರಸ್ತೆ, ಹಾಸನ –573201, ಫೋನ್ ನಂ: 08172–240631
ಸಂಹಾಸಹಾಒ/ಪ್ರವ(ತಾಂ)/ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್/5285/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19–01–2026
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (INVITATION FOR TENDER(IFT) (KPP- PORTAL)
ಹಾಸನ ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಹಾಲು ಒಕ್ಕೂಟದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಹಾಸನ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಡೇರಿ, ಕೂಡಿಗೆ ಡೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಶೀತಲೀಕರಣ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ವಿಭಾಗಗಳ ಕೆಲಸ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಮಾನವ ದಿನಗಳು/ತುಂಡು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ಸಹಿತ ಮತ್ತು ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ರಹಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ದ್ವೈವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸುವ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇಂತಹ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಕಹಾಮು ಅಥವಾ ಇತರೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ/ಘಟಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಉತ್ಪಾದನ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 03 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಅನುಭವ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಂಗಡಿಗಳ ಮತ್ತು ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಕಾಯಿದೆ, 1961 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪಡೆದ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ನೊಂದಣಿ ಪರವಾನಗಿ/ಲೈಸನ್ಸ್, ಭವಿಷ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ (P.F.), ನೌಕರರ ರಾಜ್ಯ ವಿಮೆ (E.S.I.), ವೃತ್ತಿ ತೆರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸೇವಾ ತೆರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಣಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಸೇವೆಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡುವ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ನೋಂದಣಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ IPCA ಸದಸ್ಯತ್ವ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ/ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಭಾಗ–1 ಮತ್ತು ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಭಾಗ–2 ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ವಿವರ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿದೆ.
1. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23–03–2026 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೂ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಬಹುದು.
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Date : 20.02.2026 Zonal Manager, Zonal Office Bangalore

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES (TRAINING CENTRE), K.R.SAGAR
NO:Cage/1/2025-26 Date:19.02.2026
NOTICE INVITING EOI FOR SELECTION OF ENTITIES FOR DEVELOPING CAGE CULTURE IN K.R.SAGAR RESERVOIR ON LEASE-DEVELOPMENT-OPERATE BASIS.
The Deputy Director of Fisheries, on behalf of Department of Fisheries, Government of Karnataka invites submission of Expression of interest from interested individuals/fish farmers /Fisheries co-operative societies/Self help groups/ farmer Fish producer organization/companies for developing cage culture in the reservoir of K.R.Sagar on lease-develop ment -operate basis. Last date for submission of EOI is 03.03.2026 up to 17.00 hrs. For more information visit Department of Fisheries, website https://fisheries.karnataka.gov.in/page/Tender+and+Notification/en and contact the office of Deputy Director of Fisheries as stated above. Mobile No 9448500695/9110263624
Sd/- Deputy Director of Fisheries
DIPR/DDMYS/1699/KSMCA/955/2025-26

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Mangaluru Division : Mangaluru
No.KST/MNG/TR/COM/3206/2025-26 Date:18.02.2026
E-Tender Notification No.10/2025-26
(Through e-Procurement only)
Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, Mangaluru Division, invites e-Tender for the selection of Licensee for Display of packagewise Advertisement Hoardings, Glow sign Boards, Platform Boards, LED TV/Screen Inside & Outside of the bus stations, Depot, Divisional workshop that are coming under KSRTC Mangaluru Division, for a period of Five years (with annual escalation of 10% on Monthly Licence fee) through e-procurement.
E-Tender documents can be downloaded from e-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or before **09.03.2026 at 16.00Hrs.** E-Tender technical Bid Opening Date:**12.03.2026 at 10:30 hrs** & Financial Bid Opening at **11:00hrs.**
For more details visit Divisional Office, K.S.R.T.C., Mangaluru Division, Bejai, Mangaluru -575004 during office hours. Contact Details : Divisional Traffic Officer - 7760990702, Assistant Traffic Manager- 7760990711.
Sd/- Senior Divisional Controller K.S.R.T.C., Mangaluru Division.
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