



## NOTICE

*In the aftermath of recent events, we, Martin Group of Companies, hereby would like to make these following clarifications considering the dire necessity to clear the clouds of misperceptions regarding the Income Tax Searches conducted at our various premises across India from 12.10.2023 (7 am) to 16.10.2023 (10 am).*

1. Firstly, it is to be noted that it was the **Department of Income Tax (Kolkata, West Bengal), which has conducted searches at our various organization's office premises across India and not the Enforcement Directorate.** This is the process done by the Department of Income Tax unlike portrayed wrongly, for which our officials of the organizations have rightly extended their cooperation to the fullest. **However, it has come to our knowledge that various news media have wrongly reported that, "the Enforcement Directorate is carrying search under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act and various extraneous, unlawful defamatory facts were widely being circulated in the print and digital media and the details mentioned in such news are said to be divulged by the officials of the Enforcement Directorate as claimed by the Media", which is completely against the true spirit of the facts what had actually taken place.**

2. Secondly, our Companies Sell/Market State Government Lotteries in India, which is strictly organized and conducted by virtue of the powers conferred in the **Seventh Schedule Entry 40 of the Union List under the Constitution of India,** and the Government of India have enacted **the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998 and the Lotteries (Regulation) Rules, 2010.** The Government of a State is empowered to organize, conduct Lotteries in India by virtue of the aforesaid statutes in concurrence with the **State Lottery Rules of the respective Organizing Government.** Our Companies were duly appointed by the Lottery Organizing State Governments through Gazetted Notifications to sell/market their lotteries in the States as permitted and notified in accordance with the laws in force.

3. Thirdly, it is pertinent to mention that, **Shri. S. Martin was the Highest Individual Tax Payer in India during the Years 2001-2003 and had paid approximately Rs. 100 Crores as his individual Income Tax.** Further, he and his Group Companies collectively have paid taxes as follows -

**a) Rs. 23,119 Crores as GST from July 2017 to Sep 2023, and paying about Rs. 5,000 Crores per annum as GST to the respective Departments under State/Central Governments.**

**b) Rs. 4,577 Crores as Income Tax from the Financial Year 1985-1986 to Financial Year 2022-2023 and have paid about Rs. 600 Crores as Income Tax for the preceding Financial Year to the Government of India,** which the details were appropriately made available to the Officials during the process.

4. Needless to say, Shri. S. Martin and his organizations are strictly compliant with the Rules and Regulations of the Laws of India and are providing livelihood to lakhs of families in India. However, the exaggeration of facts regarding the searches has resulted in harassment by way of mis-portrayal and character assassination of Shri. S. Martin, his family members and organizations. The reporting of facts uttered beyond imagination has caused embarrassment, mental agony and defames us in the minds of the people. **We therefore request all of the General Public to abstain from believing such mis-portrayal, false statements of any sort. We shall continue to work for the progress of the Nation as sincere citizens.**

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