The Mahadev case on one page

The key facts of the Mahadev Online Book betting app case, each with its source.

Key facts

1. Mahadev Online Book is an illegal online betting network which, according to the ED, Saurabh Chandrakar and Ravi Uppal of Bhilai ran from Dubai. [The Hindu]
2. According to the ED, the app began operating in 2019-20 and its user base grew rapidly during Covid-19. [ThePrint (PTI)]
3. In October 2023 the ED put its earnings at about ₹450 crore a month and the proceeds of crime at about ₹6,000 crore. [The Tribune] [India Today]
4. The first ED chargesheet came on 20 October 2023; the CBI registered a case in December 2024. [India Today] [The Sootr]
5. The CBI has named 72 people as accused. [The Economic Times (PTI)] [The Sootr]
6. By November 2026 the ED reported having seized/frozen about ₹2,000 crore and attached assets worth about ₹3,500 crore. [Bhadas4Media]
7. The ED also considers a platform called Skyexchange part of the same network and links it to Hari Shankar Tibrewal, who denies the allegations. [BW Businessworld]
8. The online gaming law that came into force in August 2025 bans all kinds of online money games, their advertising and the transactions linked to them. [Ministry of Electronics and IT]

Where the case stands

Saurabh Chandrakar — In ED custody. Brought to India from Oman on 1 November 2026; arrested by the ED under Section 19 of the PMLA on 13 November. [The Indian Express] [The Hindu]

Ravi Uppal — Reported arrested in Dubai, extradition sought. On 4 November 2026 reports citing officials said he had been arrested in Dubai on the basis of a Red Notice; India is seeking his extradition. [The Hindu (PTI)]

Vikas Garg — Arrested by the ED (July 2026). Arrested by the ED on 14 July 2026; a special court in Raipur sent him to 10 days' ED custody. [The Hindu] [Moneycontrol (PTI)]

Hari Shankar Tibrewal — Accused, not arrested. Accused number 24 in the ED's supplementary complaint, according to BW. Not arrested; no court has found him guilty. He denies the allegations. [BW Businessworld]

Next known date: 19 November 2026, End of Chandrakar's ED custody granted by the special PMLA court in Raipur [The Hindu] [Aaj Tak]

What those accused say

> Hari Shankar Tibrewal denies any role in the Mahadev network and calls the allegations "completely baseless". [BW Businessworld]

> Former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's name appeared in the state's FIR in March 2024; Baghel called it a political conspiracy. [The Indian Express]

All allegations are those of the investigating agencies (ED, CBI), the courts or the named news outlets, and every fact is listed with its source. Being accused is not being convicted: no court has found any person named here guilty in this case. Several of them deny the allegations.

The full investigation, with sources: mahadevscam.com mahadevscam.com/en/one-page-brief

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