Govt brings cybercrime centre I4C under PMLA

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Context

• The government has authorised Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) to share and receive information from the Enforcement Directorate under the anti-money laundering law, a move aimed at detecting money trail and combating cyberfrauds.

• In a notification dated April 25, the Revenue Department under the Finance Ministry included I4C under **Section 66 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.**

• This would **help I4C to share and receive information from the Enforcement Directorate and other law enforcement agencies.** This would help identify the masterminds behind cyberfrauds.

Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C)

• I4C has been established under the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to deal with cybercrime** in the country in a coordinated and comprehensive manner.

• The I4C focuses on tackling issues related to cybercrime for citizens, including improving coordination between various Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and stakeholders.

• The centre is located in **New Delhi.**

The Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 was enacted in January, 2003.

• The Act seeks to **combat money laundering** in India and has three main objectives:

1To prevent and control money laundering

2To confiscate and seize the property obtained from the laundered money; and

3To deal with any other issue connected with money laundering in India.

• PMLA empowers the **Directorate of Enforcement (ED) to carry out investigations** in cases involving offence of money laundering and also to **attach the property involved in money laundering**.

• **ED is a law enforcement agency** and economic intelligence agency responsible for enforcing economic laws and fighting economic crime in India.

• It was **formed as an Enforcement Unit**, in the **Department of Economic Affairs**, under **Ministry of Finance** for handling Exchange Control Laws violations under Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947.