



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has conducted search operations on 17.10.2023 at eight locations spread over Jammu & Kathua districts in the Union Territory of J&K and Pathankot, Punjab under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the case of RB Educational Trust, Jammu, Ajay Singh, the then DC Kathua and other Revenue officers/officials. Searches have been conducted at multiple locations including office of the trust situated at Vill. Karandi Khurd PO Rajbagh Kathua and residential premises of aforementioned persons. Residential premises of land donors and other middlemen whose names had surfaced during the course of investigation were also searched.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered and subsequent chargesheet filed by CBI ACB, Jammu against RB Educational Trust, Jammu, Ajay Singh, the then DC Kathua and other Revenue officers/officials.

ED investigation revealed that RB Educational Trust through its Chairperson Smt. Kanta Andotra (ex-MLA), her husband Ch. Lal Singh (ex-Minister and two times ex-MP) and other trustees in connivance with Ravinder Singh (the then Patwari), Gaurav Sharma (the then Naib Tehsildar) and Subhash Chander (the then Tehsildar) had entered into criminal conspiracy during the period 2011 for wrongful issuance of 'fards' so as to retain lands to the extent of more than 328 kanals in favor of her trust beyond the permissible limit of 100 standard kanals.

During the course of search, various incriminating documents in the form of property documents, Power of attorneys, hard disk, digital device, digital evidence and loose papers were found and seized.

Further investigation is under progress.

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