



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached 5 immovable properties located in Mohali and Shimla in the form of residential plots and flat, and balances lying in 14 Bank accounts, all assets valued at Rs. 6.25 Crore (approx.) belonging to Rajdeep Singh and Krishan Kumar and others under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the matter of Himachal Pradesh Scholarship Scam.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by CBI, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh with respect to Scholarship disbursed by Directorate of Higher Education, H.P. under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC/ST/OBC Students.

ED investigation revealed that Rajdeep Singh and Krishan Kumar through M/s ASAMS Education Group & Skill Development Society claimed scholarship under post-matric scheme for SC/ ST/ OBC students by presenting false, forged and fabricated documents, such claims were verified by Arvind Rajta, who was posted at the Directorate of Higher Education, H.P. Government, Shimla.

ED had arrested Rajdeep Singh and Krishan Kumar, partners in ASAMS Education Group; Hitesh Gandhi, Vice-Chairman, KC group of Institutions, Pandoga; and Arvind Rajta, the then official of Scholarship Branch, Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh Government on 30.08.2023. All the four accused are under Judicial Custody.

Earlier, proceeds of crime amounting to Rs. 4.42 Crore were attached in the year, 2022. Thus, the total proceeds of crime attached in this case till date is Rs. 10.67 Crore (approx.).

Further investigation is under process.