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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached movable and immovable properties worth Rs. 2.88 Crore including 9 residential & business premises, 4 fixed deposits and 5 term deposits belonging to P. J. Mathew, Thomas Mathew, Smt. Celine Mathew, Joseph Mathew, M/s. Munavara Associates, Prop. Mahmood Naina Prabhu, M/s. Mathewsons Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd, M/s. Hi-Tech Business Services, M/s. Black Panther Security Services, Smt. Zulaiha Ummal Mohamood Naina P and L. Adolphus, in connection with the case of cheating nursing immigrants by collecting 100-fold more than the prescribed maximum amount of Rs. 20,000/- per nurse.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of Final Report/Charge Sheet, filed by CBI under section 173(2), Cr.PC before the Hon'ble Special Judge for CBI-III, Ernakulam for commission of offences punishable under various sections of IPC, 1860, Prevention of Corruption Act and Emigration Act, 1983 by way of charging amounts in excess of maximum stipulated by the rules (i.e. Rs.20,000).

ED investigation revealed that P. J. Mathew, Thomas Mathew, Smt. Celine Mathew, Joseph Mathew, M/s. Munavara Associates, M/s. Mathewsons Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd, M/s. Hi-Tech Business Services, M/s. Black Panther Security Services, M/s. Concord Transport Corporation, M/s. Carlton Builders and Engineers Pvt. Ltd., M/s. On The Go Restaurant Pvt. Ltd., Mahmood Naina Prabhu, Rajan Verghese, Bincy Joseph, Smt. Zulaiha Ummal Mohamood Naina P and L. Adolphus had by commission of scheduled offence and other offences relating to scheduled offence, derived/obtained the proceeds of crime in the form of movable and immovable properties and hence the equivalent value properties worth Rs.2.88 Crore have been provisionally attached.

Earlier, a Provisional Attachment Order was also issued for the attachment of several movable & immovable properties totally worth Rs. 7.52 Crore. Further, a Prosecution Complaint under PMLA, 2002 had been filed against P.J. Mathew & Others before the Special Court for PMLA Cases, Ernakulam and the same is pending.

Further investigation is under progress.