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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached properties worth Rs. 230.4 Crore under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the case of 'Peoples Group, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh'. The attached properties are in the form of the Land, Buildings and Machinery. The attached properties include Colleges, Schools, Training Centre, Paper Mill, Newsprint machinery etc.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of 3 Prosecution Complaints filed by Registrar of Companies, Ministry of Corporate affairs, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, against Suresh Narayan Vijaywargia (SN Vijaywargia), Ramvilas Vijaywargia (late), Peoples International and Services Pvt Ltd, PGH International Pvt Ltd and Peoples General Hospital Pvt Ltd under Section 447 of the Companies Act, 2013.

ED investigation revealed that S. N. Vijaywargia enriched himself and the entities under his control using the money received as FDI, using dubious methods & means, damaging the interest of the shareholders of the 3 companies (Peoples International and Services Pvt Ltd, PGH International Pvt Ltd and Peoples General Hospital Pvt Ltd) which received the FDI. Foreign Direct Investment amounting to Rs.494 Crore was received in the 3 companies of the Peoples Group during 2000-2011 and the same were siphoned off in the form of interest free (or very low interest) 'loans', 'security deposit', advances and in other such names during 2000 to 2022, to S N Vijaywargia and to related entities under his control, resulting in generation of Proceeds of Crime amounting to Rs.594.65 Crore. It was further revealed as to how the said proceeds were utilised by S N Vijaywargia, Sarvajanic Parmarthik Jankalyan Nyas (SJPN) (a public Trust on which S N Vijaywargia exercised dominant control as Trustee) and PG Infrastructure and Services Pvt Ltd (a company whose 99% shares are held by S N Vijaywargia) for purchase of properties and creation of assets.

Further investigation is under progress.

