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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has conducted search operations on 06-02-2024 at various locations of Delhi, Varanasi and Chandigarh in connection with Delhi Jal Board corruption case.

ED initiated investigations on the basis of FIR registered by CBI for offences related to corruption/ bribery in **Delhi Jal Board (DJB)**. The FIR alleged that Jagdish Kumar Arora [the then Chief Engineer, DJB] awarded certain contract in Delhi Jal Board to M/s NKG Infrastructure Ltd. for a total cost of Rs. 38 Crore despite the fact that the company did not meet the technical eligibility criteria.

ED investigation revealed that M/s NKG Infrastructure Ltd obtained the bid by submitting forged/ fake/ false documents. Jagdish Kumar Arora, the then Chief Engineer, Delhi Jal Board was aware of the fact that the company does not meet the technical eligibility. He received bribe amount both in cash and bank accounts. Investigations and digital evidences show that Jagdish Kumar Arora passed on the bribe funds to various persons connected with managing the affairs of Delhi Jal Board including persons connected with AAP. Bribe amounts were also passed on as **Election Funds to AAP**.

ED investigation further revealed that the contract of DJB was awarded at highly inflated rates so that the bribes could be collected from the contractors from the inflated cost of the contract. As against the contract value of Rs. 38 Crore, only about Rs. 17 Crore was spent towards the contract and the remaining amounts were siphoned off in guise of various fake expenses. Such fake expenses were booked for bribes and election funds.

During the search, various incriminating documents and digital evidences were found and seized. Valuables amounting to Rs. 1.97 Crore and foreign currency equivalent to Rs. 4 lakh have also been seized during the search.

ED had earlier conducted searches on 17-11-2023 and 24-07-2023 and had seized various digital evidences. ED has also arrested Jagdish Kumar Arora and Anil Kumar Aggarwal on 31-01-2024. The Hon'ble Court has granted ED custody till 10-02-2024.

Further investigation is under progress.