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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Srinagar Zonal Office has provisionally attached movable and immovable properties worth Rs. 1.56 Crore in the form of land, measuring 01 Kanal, 03 Marlas, situated in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir along with a Two-storey residential house made thereon and a vehicle of Niamat Ali Bhat under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. It is in a case related to Hakeem Imtiyaz, Junior Engineer of R&B Department, J&K, who by abusing his official position furthered the criminal conspiracy with private Cellular operators and Contractors including one Niamat Ali Bhat, causing misappropriation of government funds.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by ACB, Anantnag, J&K under various sections of J&K PC Act, RPC Act, PC Act, 1988 and IPC, 1860 against Hakeem Imtiyaz, Junior Engineer of R&B Department, J&K and others.

ED investigation revealed that Hakeem Imtiyaz, in a criminal conspiracy with others including one Niamat Ali, fraudulently obtained the funds of Rs. 2.67 Crore claimed for repairing the property which got damaged during laying of Fiber-optic Cables, and deposited into a bank account with a single operator, which was fraudulently opened in the name of "Assistant Engineer, PW (R&B) Division, Shopian" with intention of siphoning off the said fund. It has been further revealed that upon receipt of Proceeds of Crime into the bank accounts, Niamat Ali Bhat had used the part of the same, for acquisition and construction of the attached properties.

Further investigation is under progress.