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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Dehradun has conducted search operations on 30.08.2024 at 17 locations at Dehradun(Uttarakhand), Saharanpur, Bijnor(UP), Ludhiana(Punjab), Delhi and Bongaigaon(Assam) under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the case of Fake Registry and Land Fraud case.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of several FIRs registered by Uttarakhand Police under various sections of IPC, 1860 against Kamal Virmani (Advocate) and others for commissions of offence by fabricating the records of property registration in the Revenue Archives.

ED investigation revealed that the accused in furtherance of criminal conspiracy fabricated the records of property registration and replaced the fabricated document with the original ones in the Revenue Archives with the help of employees/workers working in Collector's and Registrar's office. In most of these cases the property is first shown to be transferred in the name of relatives of the co-accused who has already passed away and thereafter the accused being the legal heir of the deceased in whose name the property was transferred by way of forged document claim rights over the property.

During the course of search operations, various incriminating documents related to immovable and movable properties have found and seized. Cash worth Rs. 24.50 Lakh has been seized and Rs. 11.50 Lakh has been frozen which was lying in the bank account. Further jewellery containing diamond gold and silver jewellery valuing Rs. 58.80 Lakh has also been seized from one of the premises. Also digital devices such as mobiles, Pendrive and other documents related to the banks have also been found and seized.

Further investigation is under progress.