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ED, Dehradun Provisionally Attaches Properties worth Rs. 13.83 Crore in SC/ST Scholarship Scam Case

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Dehradun Sub Zonal Office has provisionally attached movable and immovable properties worth Rs. 13.83 Crore (approx.) under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with the ongoing investigation into the SC/ST Scholarship Scam in Uttarakhand.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Uttarakhand Police relating to fraudulent availing and siphoning of Post-Matric Scholarships meant for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students during the period 2011-12 to 2016-17.

Investigation under PMLA has revealed that certain private educational institutions, namely Motherhood Institute of Management & Technology, Roorkee, Uttarakhand, Roorkee Institute of Management Sciences/Medical Sciences (RIMS), Haridwar, Uttarakhand and Mahaveer Institute of Technology, Meerut, UP along with their management and associated societies/trusts, fraudulently obtained scholarship funds released by the Social Welfare Department, Government of Uttarakhand by showing ineligible, non-genuine and non-verifiable students as beneficiaries.

Investigation revealed that a total of 6,208 scholarship claims pertaining to the aforesaid institutions were processed by the District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO), Haridwar, resulting in disbursement of scholarship funds amounting to approximately Rs. 27.98 Crore during the period under investigation. Of the total amount disbursed, approximately Rs. 19.74 Crore was credited directly into the bank accounts of the institutions, while approximately Rs. 8.24 Crore was credited into bank accounts maintained in the names of students.

ED investigation uncovered a systematic modus operandi wherein scholarship claims were submitted in the names of students who were either not genuinely enrolled, not attending classes, academically ineligible, or otherwise not entitled to receive scholarship benefits under the applicable scheme. Verification conducted through various Universities and educational authorities revealed significant discrepancies in admission, enrolment and examination records and further established that a large number of purported beneficiaries had either failed examinations, remained absent, were not traceable in university records, or continued to receive scholarships despite not fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria. The fraudulent activities resulted in wrongful loss to the Government exchequer and corresponding unlawful gain to the accused persons and associated entities. Investigation conducted revealed that that out of 6,208 scholarship claims, 2,895 claims were fraudulent. The breakup is as follows:-

S. No	Code given	Details	No. of students	Amount
1	A	Absent	668	3,85,70,640/-
2	B	Failed/Result not Applicable/ No Examination Form	84	33,65,120/-
3	C	Not Enrolled or not registered with University/ No result (blank)/No data	1662	7,34,31,400/-
4	D	Course not affiliated with university	47	29,75,100/-

5	E	Student not found in college data/duplicate student.	434	2,00,10,800/-
Total			2895*	13,83,53,060/-
* This consolidated figure counts each student only once, even if they received scholarships in consecutive years or through both online and offline applications.				

Investigation further revealed that bank accounts were opened and operated in the names of students under the control of college management and staff. Common mobile numbers of college employees were used for opening several student accounts and middlemen were engaged for facilitating admissions and banking formalities. Scholarship amounts credited into such accounts were subsequently transferred back to the institutions or withdrawn in cash, thereby defeating the very objective of the welfare scheme.

Analysis of bank accounts conducted by ED revealed that immediately upon receipt of scholarship funds, substantial amounts were transferred to various educational societies, trusts, related entities and third parties, followed by cash withdrawals and layered transactions. The funds were thus diverted and utilized for purposes other than the welfare of eligible SC/ST students, including acquisition of assets and other expenditures undertaken by the institutions and their controlling persons.

Investigation further established that Manika Sharma, who exercised control over the affairs of the concerned educational institutions and educational societies, was involved in managing the receipt, utilization and diversion of scholarship funds. Investigation also revealed that scholarship funds were routed through various bank accounts of educational societies, trusts and related entities in an attempt to conceal and disguise the nature, source and ownership of the Proceeds of Crime. The Proceeds of Crime generated through fraudulent scholarship claims were subsequently laundered and invested in various movable and immovable assets.

Investigation conducted under PMLA has identified and quantified Proceeds of Crime amounting to Rs. 13.83 Crore (approx.), arising out of 2,895 fraudulent, ineligible and non-genuine scholarship claims submitted by educational institutions controlled through various societies for availing SC/ST scholarship funds. The identified Proceeds of Crime comprises approximately Rs. 2.44 Crore pertaining to New Tuples Education Society (operating Mahaveer Institute of Technology, Meerut), Rs. 3.95 Crore (approx.) pertaining to Motherhood Institute of Management & Technology Society (operating Motherhood Institute of Management & Technology, Roorkee), and Rs. 7.44 Crore (approx.) pertaining to Modern Institute of Management & Technology Society (operating Roorkee Institute of Management Sciences/Medical Sciences, Haridwar).

Investigation revealed that the fraudulently obtained scholarship funds were layered and diverted through the accounts of these societies and related entities before being utilized for acquisition of immovable assets and other expenditures. Accordingly, ED has issued a Provisional Attachment Order attaching movable and immovable properties worth Rs. 13.83 Crore (approx.), comprising Fixed Deposit (FD) account, land parcels & educational/institutional buildings situated in Haridwar and Roorkee, which have been derived from or acquired out of the said Proceeds of Crime.

The SC/ST Scholarship Scam investigation has been under progress since 2020. Till date, ED has filed 05 Prosecution Complaints before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Dehradun and issued 05 Provisional Attachment Orders (PAOs) in the case. **The present attachment is the 6th Provisional Attachment Order issued in the matter.**

Further investigation is under progress.



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WORTH Rs. 13.83 CRORE (APPROX.)
IN SC/ST SCHOLARSHIP SCAM CASE**



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<p>1. INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED</p> <p>Certain private educational institutions and their management & associated societies/trusts fraudulently obtained scholarship funds by showing ineligible, non-genuine and non-verifiable students as beneficiaries.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Motherhood Institute of Management & Technology (MMT), Roorkee</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Roorkee Institute of Management Sciences / Medical Sciences (RIMS), Haridwar</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Mahaveer Institute of Technology, Meerut</p> </div> </div>	<p>2. SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS DISBURSED</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Total Scholarship Claims Processed: 6,208</p> <p>Total Amount Disbursed: Rs. 27.98 Crore (approx.)</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Rs. 19.74 Crore (approx.) Credited directly into accounts of institutions</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Rs. 8.24 Crore (approx.) Credited into accounts in the names of students</p> </div> </div>	<p>3. MODUS OPERANDI</p> <p>Scholarship claims submitted in the names of students who were not genuinely enrolled, not attending classes, academically ineligible or not enrolled under the scheme.</p> <p>Verification by Universities & authorities revealed discrepancies in admission, enrolment & examination records.</p> <p>Many beneficiaries failed exams, remained absent, not traceable in records or continued to receive scholarships despite not fulfilling eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Result: Wrongful loss to the Government exchequer and corresponding unlawful gain to the accused & associated entities.</p>
<p>4. DIVERSION OF FUNDS</p> <p>Bank accounts opened in the names of students under control of college management & staff.</p> <p>Common mobile numbers of college employees used; middlemen engaged for admissions & banking formalities.</p> <p>Scholarship amounts credited into such accounts were transferred back to institutions or withdrawn in cash, defeating the objective of the welfare scheme.</p> <p>Funds transferred to societies, trusts, related entities & third parties, followed by cash withdrawals & layered transactions.</p> <p>Funds diverted & utilized for purposes other than welfare of eligible SC/ST students, including acquisition of assets & other expenditures.</p>	<p>5. ROLE OF KEY PERSON</p> <p>Manika Sharma exercised control over the affairs of the concerned educational institutions & societies and was involved in managing the receipt, utilisation & diversion of scholarship funds.</p> <p>Scholarship funds were routed through various bank accounts of educational institutions, trusts & related entities to conceal & disguise the nature, source & ownership of the proceeds of crime.</p> <p>Proceeds of crime generated through fraudulent scholarship claims were laundered and invested in various movable & immovable assets.</p>	<p>6. PROCEEDS OF CRIME (POC) IDENTIFIED</p> <p>Investigation under PMLA has identified & quantified Proceeds of Crime (PoC) amounting to Rs. 13.83 Crore (approx.) arising out of 2,895 fraudulent, ineligible & non-genuine scholarship claims.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs. 2.44 Crore (approx.) pertaining to New Tuples Education Society (operating Mahaveer Institute of Technology, Meerut) Rs. 3.95 Crores (approx.) pertaining to Motherhood Institute of Management & Technology Society (operating Motherhood Institute of Management & Technology, Roorkee) Rs. 7.44 Crores (approx.) pertaining to Modern Institute of Management & Technology Society (operating Roorkee Institute of Management Sciences/Medical Sciences, Haridwar)
<p>7. PROVISIONAL ATTACHMENT</p> <p>ED has issued a Provisional Attachment Order attaching movable & immovable properties worth Rs. 13.83 Crore (approx.), derived from or acquired out of the proceeds of crime.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>MOVABLE ASSETS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FD Accounts </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>IMMOVABLE ASSETS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Parcels • Educational/Institutional Buildings • Other Immovable Assets </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Situated in Haridwar, Roorkee & Meerut</p>		<p>8. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>The SC/ST Scholarship Scam Investigation has been under progress since 2020.</p> <p>TIR date, ED has filed OS Prosecution Complaints before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Dehradun.</p> <p>TIR date, ED has issued OS Provisional Attachment Orders (PAOs) in the case.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>THE PRESENT ATTACHMENT IS THE 6TH PROVISIONAL ATTACHMENT ORDER ISSUED IN THE MATTER.</p> </div>

FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS UNDER PROGRESS