



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bhopal Zonal Office has provisionally attached movable and immovable properties worth approximately Rs. 67.25 Crore belonging to Govind Prasad Mehra, former Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department (PWD), Madhya Pradesh, and his family members under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Special Police Establishment (SPE), Lokayukta, Bhopal under Sections 13(2) read with 13(1)(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018) against Govind Prasad Mehra for possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

Investigation revealed that during the check period from 04.03.1985 to 29.02.2024, Govind Prasad Mehra, while serving in the Public Works Department, allegedly acquired assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. As per the FIR, against lawful income of approximately Rs. 4 Crore, total assets and expenditure exceeding Rs. 10 Crore were identified, resulting in disproportionate assets of approximately Rs. 6 Crore, representing around 150% excess over his known lawful income.

Searches conducted by the predicate agency at premises linked to Govind Prasad Mehra and his family members resulted in recovery and seizure of substantial cash, gold jewellery, silver articles and other valuables. Investigation revealed recovery of cash amounting to Rs. 8.79 Lakh, gold jewellery valued at approximately Rs. 3.51 Crore from various premises linked to the Govind Prasad Mehra. The explanations furnished regarding the acquisition of these assets were found to be unsubstantiated and unsupported by credible evidence.

Investigation under PMLA further revealed that Govind Prasad Mehra and his family members had acquired and developed Kasturi Krishi Farm, spread over approximately 70–72 acres of land at Village Saini, Tehsil Sohagpur, District Narmadapuram, into a luxury farm-resort comprising cottages, residential units, internal roads, artificial water bodies, agricultural infrastructure and other high-value amenities. The valuation report assessed the market value of the property at approximately Rs. 49.44 Crore, including construction and development works valued at approximately Rs. 16 Crore. The explanations furnished regarding the source of funds utilised for acquisition and development of the property were found to be inconsistent and unsupported by documentary evidence.

During the PMLA investigation, disproportionate assets to the tune of Rs 67.25 were found, and the information regarding the same is being shared with SPE, Lokayukta u/s 66(2) of PMLA. Accordingly, ED has provisionally attached movable and immovable properties worth Rs. 67.25 Crore under Section 5(1) of the PMLA, 2002. The attached properties include residential properties, a luxurious resort-style property known as Kasturi Krishi Farm comprising extensively developed land, premium cottages, recreational facilities and allied infrastructure, cash, gold jewellery, silver articles and other assets identified as proceeds of crime and/or value thereof, to prevent their concealment, transfer or disposal and to secure confiscation proceedings under the PMLA.

Further investigation is under progress.