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ED provisionally attaches immovable property and mutual fund investments worth Rs.1.51 Crore in money laundering case involving former Deputy Commissioner, Bomdila, Padma Jaiswal, IAS

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Itanagar Sub-Zonal Office, has provisionally attached immovable and movable properties having an aggregate assessed value of Rs.1.51 Crore under the provisions of Section 5(1) of the Prevention of Money-Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with a money laundering investigation against Padma Jaiswal, IAS, the then Deputy Commissioner, West Kameng District, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh, and others. The properties have been attached vide Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) No. 08/2026 dated 13.11.2026.

The attached properties comprise a commercial property, namely Booth No. 274, Sector-40D, Chandigarh, measuring 29.626 square yards, standing in the name of Vishu Bhanu Partap Mahto, brother of Padma Jaiswal, having an assessed fair market value of Rs.1.42 Crore, and mutual fund investments amounting to Rs.9 Lakh held in the name of Padma Jaiswal under SBI Multicap Fund – Regular – Growth.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Anti-Corruption Branch, Guwahati, against Padma Jaiswal, IAS, Nor Bahadur Sonar, the then Finance & Accounts Officer, Rinchin Phuntsok, the then Cashier, and others, for offences under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Subsequently, CBI filed Charge Sheet No. 09/2024 dated 30.08.2024 before the Hon'ble Court of the Special Judge (P.C. Act), Yupia, Arunachal Pradesh.

ED investigation has revealed that Padma Jaiswal, while functioning as Deputy Commissioner, Bomdila, in criminal conspiracy with other accused public servants, misappropriated Government funds by fraudulently dissolving three Government Deposit at Call Receipts (DCRs) and causing issuance of ten Demand Drafts aggregating to Rs.28 Lakh in favour of private individuals by falsely portraying the transactions as Government transactions. The diverted funds were subsequently routed and utilised in connection with acquisition of immovable properties in the names of her close relatives.

Further investigation has revealed that out of the total Proceeds of Crime amounting to Rs.28 Lakh, an amount of Rs.19 Lakh was diverted and utilised in connection with the acquisition of Booth No. 274, Sector-40D, Chandigarh, in the name of Vishu Bhanu Partap Mahto, brother of Padma Jaiswal. Examination of banking transactions, Demand Drafts and registered property

documents established the financial trail linking the diverted Government funds to the acquisition of the said property. The present fair market value of the said property, as assessed by a Regd. valuer, is Rs.1.42 Crore.

Further, investigation has revealed that the remaining proceeds of crime amounting to Rs.9 Lakh were diverted through three Demand Drafts in connection with the proposed acquisition of a plot at Sector-86, Mohali, in the name of Pooja Jaiswal, daughter of Padma Jaiswal. However, the proposed property transaction was subsequently cancelled and the property was not registered in her name. Accordingly, mutual fund investments worth Rs.9 Lakh held in the name of Padma Jaiswal have been provisionally attached as property representing the corresponding value of the remaining Proceeds of Crime.

Thus, ED investigation has identified total proceeds of crime amounting to Rs. 28 Lakh, generated through fraudulent diversion and misappropriation of Government funds. The aggregate present assessed value of the immovable and movable properties provisionally attached in the case is Rs.1.51 Crore comprising the present fair market value of the Chandigarh property amounting to Rs. 1.42 Crore and mutual fund investments valued at Rs. 9 Lakh.

Further investigation is under progress.