



**Press Release**  
**03/06/2026**

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Dehradun has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) on 29.05.2026 before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Dehradun against accused persons namely Piyush Chandra Bhatnagar and Ranjana Rawat under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with the DAV (PG) College Scholarship Scam case.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Uttarakhand Police under various Sections of IPC, 1860. The FIR and subsequent charge sheet alleged fraudulent diversion and misappropriation of scholarship funds meant for SC/ST/OBC students through an unauthorized bank account maintained in Dena Bank. Investigation revealed that the said account received scholarship funds, transfers from other DAV College accounts and interest amounting to Rs. 2.27 Crore (approx.) during the period from 2009 to 2014.

Investigation conducted under PMLA revealed that although the Managing Committee of DAV (PG) College had approved opening of a bank account at Dena Bank, Laxmi Road Branch, the branch name was fraudulently altered and an unauthorized bank account was opened at Dena Bank, GMS Road Branch by DAV (PG) College staff namely Piyush Chandra Bhatnagar and his associates.

Investigation established that Piyush Chandra Bhatnagar, who was working as Scholarship In-charge/Assistant Clerk (later Office Superintendent) at DAV (PG) College, played a central role in the generation, concealment, possession and utilization of Proceeds of Crime. He fraudulently manipulated the bank account opening process, inserted himself as an account operator and systematically diverted scholarship funds meant for students belonging to SC/ST/OBC categories. Investigation further revealed that out of the total funds credited in the unauthorized account, Rs. 42.50 Lakh was withdrawn in cash, Rs. 66.50 Lakh was siphoned off through cheques issued in the names of various persons and Rs. 99.43 Lakh was transferred to multiple personal bank accounts of Piyush Chandra Bhatnagar. The diverted funds were thereafter layered through several bank accounts and utilized for payment of insurance premiums in the name of himself and family members, cash withdrawals, inter-account transfers and other personal usage.



Investigation further revealed that Ranjana Rawat, who was functioning as Scholarship Coordinator and authorized signatory to the bank accounts of DAV (PG) College, played a facilitative role in the generation and laundering of Proceeds of Crime. She admitted to signing multiple blank cheques relating to the Dena Bank accounts, which were subsequently utilized for withdrawal and diversion of scholarship funds. Investigation revealed that the signed cheques enabled unauthorized financial transactions and layering of Proceeds of Crime through various beneficiaries and bank accounts.

Investigation also established that Proceeds of Crime were partly converted into movable assets in the form of insurance policies held in the names of Piyush Chandra Bhatnagar and his family members, bank balances and a Honda Activa H-Smart (125cc) vehicle. Accordingly, movable properties worth Rs. 7.86 Lakh were provisionally attached vide Provisional Attachment Order dated 27.05.2026.

Based on evidence gathered during investigation, including bank records, documentary evidence and statements recorded under Section 50 of PMLA, ED has filed the Prosecution Complaint before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Dehradun for commission of offence of money laundering under Sections 3 and 4 of PMLA, 2002.



# DAV COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP SCAM

## ED FILES PROSECUTION COMPLAINT

### Against Two Accused Persons

DIRECTORATE  
OF ENFORCEMENT

Filed on: **29.05.2026**

#### 1 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS DIVERTED



Unauthorized  
Bank Account Opened



Scholarship Funds Received

**Rs. 2,27,00,171.95/-**  
(2009-2014)

#### 2 MONEY TRAIL ESTABLISHED



Cash Withdrawals  
**Rs. 42,50,000/-**



Cheques Issued to  
Multiple Persons  
**Rs. 66,50,000/-**



Transfers to  
Personal Accounts  
**Rs. 99,43,000/-**



Layering through  
Multiple Bank Accounts



Insurance Premium Payments

#### 3 PROCEEDS OF CRIME IDENTIFIED

Total Proceeds of Crime  
**Rs. 2.27 Crore**



Insurance  
Policies



Two-Wheeler  
Vehicle



Bank  
Balance

#### 4 PROVISIONAL ATTACHMENT ORDER



PAO No. 04/2026 dated 27.05.2026



Properties Attached  
**Rs. 7,86,955.88/-**



- ✓ Insurance Policies
- ✓ Bank Balance
- ✓ Honda Activa H-Smart

#### 6 PROCEEDS OF CRIME

Identified PoC  
**Rs. 2.27 Crore**

Attached under PAO  
**Rs. 7,86,955.88/-**

Balance PoC  
**Substantially  
dissipated**

Substantially dissipated through:



Cash Withdrawals



Layering through Multiple Accounts



Cheques issued to various persons



Insurance payments and subsequent encashment



Transfers to third-party accounts

#### 5 PROSECUTION COMPLAINT FILED



Date: **29.05.2026**



Complaint filed before  
Special Court (PMLA), Dehradun



Prosecution Complaint  
filed on **29.05.2026**



Properties worth  
**Rs. 7,86,955.88/-** attached  
vide PAO No. 04/2026  
dated 27.05.2026



Further  
investigation is  
in progress.