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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jalandhar has provisionally attached immovable properties worth Rs. 12.31 Crore on 24.03.2025 belonging to Varinder Pal Singh (Ex-Naib Tehsildar), Iqbal Singh (then Patwari) and private property dealers involved in the illicit allotment of excess shares of 'shamlat land' of village Seonk to ineligible villagers and its subsequent sale.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Vigilance Bureau, Punjab under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Varinder Pal Singh Dhoot and others, while preparing the Intkal, have deliberately falsely allotted shares of Shamlat Land of village Seonk to the tune of 102 acres (having market value of Rs. 53 Crore approx.) in the name of some ineligible villagers.

ED investigations revealed that power of attorneys were obtained by the private property dealers from the villagers to whom excess shares were allotted and on the basis of these power of attorneys, the said private property dealers in connivance with revenue officials sold Shamlat Land to outside purchasers. The sale consideration was laundered through bank accounts of power of attorney holders and in cash, and was shared by the private property dealers and revenue officials among themselves. The money thus laundered was used in purchase of immovable properties and personal expenditure.

Earlier, on 01.06.2023, ED has provisionally attached residential properties of Varinder Pal Singh Dhoot in Chandigarh and Hoshiarpur valued at 8.02 Crore which was subsequently confirmed by Adjudicating Authority (PMLA) order dated 12.10.2023.

Further investigation is under progress.