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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Indore Sub Zonal Office has arrested Kamal Rathore, the main conspirator of crime related to fraudulent passing of bills and siphoning off the Government funds from the Treasury of "Block Education Office (BEO), Katthiwada, Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh".

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Police Station Katthiwada, District Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh, followed by filing of chargesheet under various sections of IPC, 1860 & IT Act, 2000 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 for suspicious and fraudulent payments totaling Rs. 20,36,34,988/- made during the period April 2018 to July 2023 from the treasury of Block Education Office (BEO), Katthiwada.

Investigation conducted in the matter so far revealed that large-scale embezzlement of amount of Rs. 20,47,12,727/- was committed between April 2018 to July 2023 in the office of Block Education Officer (BEO), Katthiwada under various heads like salary, GIS, pension, and scholarships and those funds were fraudulently withdrawn using fabricated bills and diverted into number of personal bank accounts through manipulation of the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS). During investigation under PMLA, it was found that Kamal Rathore had fraudulently siphoned off Rupees 14.5 Crore approximately through 57 bank accounts in his name or in the name of his family members/friends/relatives and associates. Earlier search and seizure operation was also conducted u/s 17 of PMLA, 2002 in the matter.

Further investigation is under progress.