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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached two immovable properties worth **Rs. 1.97 Crore (approx.)** in the form of land and building situated in Dehradun and Haridwar district of Uttarakhand belonging to the Deen Dayal Sharma Educational Trust which runs Institute of Professional Studies, Roorkee, against the Proceeds of Crime of Rs. 1.97 Crore in the case of SC/ST Scholarship Scam.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by P.S, SIDCUL, Haridwar, Uttarakhand under various sections of IPC 1860 against Deen Dayal Sharma Educational Trust.

ED investigation revealed that Institute of Professional Studies, Roorkee had fraudulently received huge amount of scholarship in the name of SC/ST students from Social Welfare Department, Haridwar for the period 2013-14 to 2016-17. It is also revealed that the institution had made false claims to obtain scholarship under SC/ST Scholarship Scheme. The amounts of scholarship in the form of personal expense of students and tuition fees of college have been credited into the account of the college. The said amount has been siphoned off by Vivek Sharma and Ankur Sharma, trustees of the Deen Dayal Sharma Educational Trust, and caused huge financial loss to the public exchequer.

ED investigation revealed that this ill-gotten money was further diverted to either the bank accounts of Deen Dayal Sharma Educational Trust or to other accounts of the college and was utilized for the expenses of the trustees was withdrawn in cash.

Further investigation is in progress.