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Directorate of Enforcement attached properties worth Rs. 94.22 Lakh and launched prosecution in All India Services Officers Co-operative Group Housing Society Land Fraud Case in Assam.

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Guwahati Zonal Office, has provisionally attached eight immovable properties valued at Rs. 94.22 Lakh belonging to Rajendra Nath under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 on 18/9/2025. The attachment is linked to a land fraud involving the All India Services Officers Co-operative Group Housing Society, Guwahati, Assam with IAS, IPS, IFS officers as its members. In this case, ED has recently file Prosecution Complaint against Sautik Goswami and Rajendra Nath, cognizance of which is yet to be taken by the Court.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by Basistha Police Station, Guwahati, against Sautik Goswami, Rajendra Nath, and others. The FIR alleged criminal conspiracy, cheating, and breach of trust in connection with a land deal meant for developing a residential colony for IAS/IPS/IFS officers. As per the FIR, the Officers Society paid Rs. 3.60 Crore in advance to Sautik Goswami for acquiring 86 Bighas of land. However, the land was never handed over, and only Rs. 50 Lakh was returned to the Society. The remaining Rs. 3.10 Crore was misappropriated and the same is identified as Proceeds of Crime (POC).

ED investigation revealed that Sautik Goswami had entered into a private arrangement with Rajendra Nath for procurement of land for the Society. Substantial cash payments were made to Rajendra Nath, corroborated by seized money receipts and statements recorded under the provisions of PMLA. The investigation further uncovered that post perpetuating the said fraud, Rajendra Nath acquired multiple properties between 2016 and 2023, which could not be explained as having acquired from any legal income.

The attached POC includes plots of land in Kukurmara, Jogipara, Barhanti Maniari, Bangara, Kawaimari, and Rampur villages in Assam.

Further investigation in the matter is ongoing.