



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 07-04-2025 at 10 locations in Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Maharajganj, Noida (UP) and Mumbai in the bank fraud case against M/s Gangotri Enterprises Limited and others under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The searches were conducted at the residences as well as office premises of Vinay Shankar Tiwari, former MLA, along with other Directors and Contractors of M/s Gangotri Enterprises Limited to trace and unearth the Proceeds of Crime.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by CBI after the company M/s GEL committed a bank fraud of Rs. 754 Crore in collusion with its Directors/Promoters/guarantors.

ED investigation revealed that money was diverted and misappropriated, by way of siphoning off to various related paper concerns operated and controlled by main promoter of the company Vinay Shankar Tiwari, EX-MLA and his family members & relatives, causing wrongful loss to the consortium of banks to the tune of Rs. 754 Crore. Many of his relatives are either directors, shareholders or guarantors in the company M/s GEL.

In this case, Two Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) were issued. First PAO dated 17.11.2023 valuing of Rs. 72.08 Crore and second PAO dated 18.03.2024 of Rs. 30.86 Crore were issued and confirmed by the Ld. Adjudicating Authority.

It has been found during search that funds were diverted under the garb of investment and interest free loans and advances were given to its group companies. Some high value properties were also transferred to Benami/paper entities without any consideration when the loan account turned NPA. Search operations resulted in the recovery of several incriminating documents.

During the search, 02 persons namely Vinay Shankar Tiwari, Main promoter of the company & EX MLA and Ajeet Pandey, Key managerial Person of the company, were arrested from the search premises on 07.04.2025. Further, they were produced before the Hon'ble Court (PMLA), Lucknow and The Hon'ble Court pleased to grant judicial custody of both the persons for 14 days. Thereby, they were sent to Lucknow Jail. Further, prayer was made before the Hon'ble Court to take ED remand of both the accused persons and the same has been granted till 11.04.2025.

Further investigation is under progress.