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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has seized immovable properties worth Rs. 8.03 Crore of M/s CAT Technologies Limited, its promoters, and directors under section 37A of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999. The seized properties include 12 immovable properties of M/s CAT Technologies Limited, Dhiraj Kumar Jaiswal, Laxmi Pershad Jaiswal, Dinesh Kumar Jaiswal and Nisha Jaiswal.

ED initiated investigation under the provisions of FEMA, 1999 against M/s CAT Technologies Limited, its promoters, directors & others in connection with fraudulent issuance of Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and non-utilisation of the same for *bonafide* purposes.

ED investigation revealed that Dhiraj Kumar Jaiswal, Managing Director of M/s CAT Technologies Limited, in connivance with Arun Panchariya & others issued GDRs in the name of his company on two occasions in 2007 and 2009 and did not deliberately repatriate the GDR proceeds worth USD 16.47 million to India as per the statutory requirements. A large part (USD 13.8 million) of the amount raised abroad was diverted to its subsidiary, CAT Technology FZE, UAE, a shell company in UAE.

The entire scam was orchestrated by Arun Panchariya – a person of Indian origin residing abroad. Arun Panchariya - promoter of M/s Pan Asia Advisors Limited London, and his associates facilitated the issuance of GDRs, opening of bank account of the company in Euram bank, Vienna and bank account of its subsidiary in Mashreq bank, UAE. Arun Panchariya is suspected to be behind several GDR frauds that were committed by him in connivance with the promoters & directors of various Indian companies.

Further investigation is in progress.

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