

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office has provisionally attached movable and immovable properties worth Rs. 89.84 Lakh under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with the **NRHM Scam in Uttar Pradesh**. The attached properties include 7 bank deposits valued Rs.68.62 Lakh in the name of S. K. Pandey & A. K. Shukla, one house property valued Rs.10.16 Lakh in the name of Nirupama Pandey and a plot of land valued Rs.11.06 Lakh held in the name of S. N. Gupta. These immovable properties are situated in Lucknow and Varanasi.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the year 2012 under various scheduled Sections of IPC, 1860 and Preventoion of Corruption Act, 1988. It was was alleged that S. K. Pandey proprietor of S. K. Distributors, A. K. Shukla proprietor of Sunny & Company, Nirupama Pandey proprietor of Jai Ganesh Traders, S. N. Gupta proprietor of Shyam Medical Agency and others entered into a criminal conspiracy with Chief Medical officers & other staff of District Varanasi, Ghazipur, Jaunpur & Chandauli to procure NRHM supply orders for govt hospitals in violation of govt rules and procedures in the year 2005 to 2011. The accused firms fraudulently supplied Medicines and medical equipment's under NRHM scheme to the govt. hospitals at exorbitant rates which were much higher than the prevalent Rate Contract rates causing loss to the exchequer to the tune of Rs 1.14 Crore.

ED has traced the Proceed of Crime linked to the misutilisation /embezzlement of NRHM funds and has now attached these movable and immovable properties valued at Rs. 89.84 Lakh.

Further investigation is under progress.