



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bhopal has provisionally attached movable/immovable properties worth **Rs. 280 Crore** in the case of **Peoples Group**, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh in connection with a money laundering investigation.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of 3 Prosecution Complaints (PC) filed by Registrar of Companies, Ministry of Corporate affairs, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, against Peoples International and Services Pvt Ltd, PGH International Pvt Ltd, Peoples General Hospital Pvt Ltd and others under Section 447 of the Companies Act, 2013.

ED investigation revealed that accused persons enriched themselves using the money received as FDI, using dubious methods & means, adversely affecting the interest of the shareholders of the 3 companies (Peoples International and Services Pvt Ltd, PGH International Pvt Ltd and Peoples General Hospital Pvt Ltd) which received the FDI.

Foreign Direct Investment amounting to Rs.494 Crore was received in 3 companies of the Peoples Group during 2000-2011 and the same were siphoned off in the form of interest free (or very low interest) 'loans', 'security deposit', advances and in other such names during 2000 to 2022, to accused persons. ED had earlier attached assets worth Rs. 230.4 Crore in this case by issuing a Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) on 01.11.2023 In November, 2023, which were in the form of the Land, Buildings and Machinery and included Colleges, Schools, Training Centre, Paper Mill, Newsprint machinery etc.

In the present PAO, assets attached by the ED are in the form of the shareholding owned by the accused persons in Peoples International and Services Pvt Ltd, PGH International Pvt Ltd and Peoples General Hospital Pvt Ltd, a residential property at Bhopal and various account balances. The shareholding attached by the ED was acquired by using the FDI received from foreign investors.

ED had also filed a Prosecution Complaint in the present case before the Hon'ble PMLA Court, Bhopal for commission of offence of Money Laundering for "Proceeds of Crimes" and Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the offence of money laundering.

Further investigation is under progress.