



## **Press Release**

**25.08.2025**

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jammu Sub Zonal Office has conducted search operations under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at various locations in Jammu and Udhampur on 22.08.2025 in the Custodian Land Grabbing Case in respect of various patwaris, tehsildars, middlemen and land grabbers indulged in the fraudulent land grabbing and corruption involving Custodian land (land left over by evacuees, who earlier migrated to Pakistan), around 502.5 kanals.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of various FIRs registered by ACB, J&K Police.

ED investigation revealed that a whole ecosystem involving multiple government revenue officials working in collusion with private persons, land grabbers and middlemen indulged in fraudulent grabbing of around 502.5 kanals government custodian land (land left over by evacuees, who earlier migrated to Pakistan), in and around Jammu. The value of the said land is Rs. 20 Crore (approx.). Illegal grabbing of land was done from 2022 onwards by creating forged back-dated mutation records, Power of Attorneys, sale deeds and false entries in official revenue records.

Such fraudulently grabbed government custodian land was subsequently sold through forged documents, and the sale proceeds (Proceeds of Crime) was moved through multiple accounts relating to accused persons used for personal usage.

The searches resulted into various incriminating documents relating to assets, revenue records and digital evidence.

Further investigation is under progress.