



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Indore Sub-Zonal Office, has provisionally attached 14 immovable properties valued at **Rs. 4.5 Crore** under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the matter of fraudulent clearance of bills and misappropriation of government funds from Block Education Office (BEO), Katthiwada, District Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh by Kamal Rathore & other accused persons.

The action follows investigation based on FIR registered by Police Station Katthiwada, District Alirajpur (Madhya Pradesh), against officials and employees of the Block Education Office, Katthiwada. The probe revealed large-scale misappropriation of government funds between 2018–2023 through fraudulent bills prepared and approved on the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS). Earlier, search operations were conducted u/s 17 of PMLA, 2002 in this matter which resulted in seizure of incriminating records and freezing of lakhs of rupees. Also, the main accused person i.e., Kamal Rathore was arrested by ED on 07.08.2025 and he is currently in judicial custody.

ED investigation revealed that funds to the tune of Rs. 20.47 Crore, siphoned off through 917 fake bills, were routed into 134 bank accounts. The investigation has established that the accused persons laundered the embezzled funds by withdrawing large sums in cash, transferring money among relatives, and investing in multiple properties in Alirajpur and Panna. Several properties acquired in the names of family members were later sold to conceal the illicit origins of funds.

Further investigation is underway to identify additional assets and unravel the complete money trail.