



## Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Mumbai Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 09.07.2025 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at fifteen locations in Mumbai, Goa, Pune and Chennai as part of ongoing probe in the case related to Talwalkar Better Value Fitness Limited (TBVFL) and others. Various incriminating documents, property papers worth around **Rs. 200 Crore** and digital devices have been found and seized during the search proceedings.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by Police Authorities under various sections of IPC, 1860 against TBVFL and its promoters/ Directors, on the allegations that TBVFL and its promoters/ Directors have defrauded Axis Bank and Laxmi Vilas Bank by diverting the loan funds to related entities and manipulation of books of accounts. TBVFL has defrauded Axis Bank by not repaying the term loan and Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) to the tune of Rs. 206.35 Crore. Further, Laxmi Vilas Bank has also been defrauded as TBVFL failed to repay the NCDs worth Rs. 180 Crore.

ED investigation revealed that term loan and investment received from NCDs were diverted and utilized for non-sanctioned purposes by TBVFL and its promoters/ Directors. They transferred the loan amounts to the accounts of shell entities in the garb of vendor payments which was then routed to related entities of promoters of the group. Further, inflated royalty amounts and share subscription premiums were also paid to divert the bank funds.

The search resulted in seizure of incriminating documents, digital devices and unaccounted cash of **Rs. 8 Lakh**. Further overseas investments made by the group from the bank funds and immovable asset details of promoters such as flat, commercial spaces, villas, bungalow located at Mumbai, Nagpur and Goa were found.

Further investigation is under progress.