



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has conducted search & seizure actions in the case of KY Nanje Gowda, MLA, Malur, Karnataka and his associates under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. Search actions were conducted in connection with a case related to illegal allotment of Government Land worth Rs.150 Crore.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by Masti PS, Kolar District, Karnataka under various sections of Indian Penal Code 1860 against Nanje Gowda & Ors. Nanje Gowda was the Chairman of the Land Grant Committee and the other accused were the Members of the Committee and one accused V Nagraj was holding the post of Tahsildar, Malur during the relevant period.

During the search action 14 premises linked to the accused persons were covered and till now more than Rs.25 lakhs cash, documents related to movable and immovable properties worth more than Rs.50 Crore, various incriminating documents and digital data has been recovered/ seized. During the search, it was noticed that the MLA of Malur, KY Nanjegowda being the Chairman of Malur Land Grant Committee, in collusion with other members of the committee and revenue officials, has abused his power by granting around 80 acres land worth around Rs.150 Crore, in a single month under four meetings to various illegal beneficiaries by creating various fictitious and bogus documents. Later on, based on Inspection report of the then Regional Commissioner, the same was cancelled. During search & seizure action, it was also revealed that illegal allotment of land was done in blatant violation of guidelines and by forging documents.

During the search action, one more scam related to ongoing recruitment in the Kolar-Chikkaballapura District Co-operative Milk Producers Union Ltd., (KOMUL) was noticed. It was noticed that Recruitment committee of KOMUL chaired by KY Nanje Gowda and consisting 4 other members completely manipulated the interview process. According to the Board decision, orders were issued to the selected candidates and they were sent to training without making the final result public. During search & seizure action, it was admitted by the directors of the KOMUL and members of Recruitment Committee that seats were sold for money ranging between Rs.20 to 30 lakhs per seat. Further, it is also gathered that certain politicians have referred their candidates for selection and total of 30 such references were accommodated.

It was also noticed that KY Nanje Gowda being the head of the recruitment committee is actively and directly involved in sale of seats and manipulation of interview marks.

Further investigation is under progress.