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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bhopal Zonal Office had conducted search operations on 24/06/2025 at 06 premises belonging to officials of **Block Education Office, Katthiwada, District Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh** and other persons under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR and chargesheet filed by Madhya Pradesh Police for allegedly suspicious and fraudulent payments totaling **Rs. 20 Crore (approx.)** during the period April 2018 to July 2023 from the treasury of Block Education Office (BEO), Katthiwada.

During the course of search operations, three bank accounts having balance of around Rs. 25 Lakh were frozen. In addition, various incriminating documents pertaining to immovable properties were also found and seized.

ED investigation revealed that large-scale embezzlement of Rs.20 Crore (approx.) was committed between April 2018 to July 2023 in the office of Block Education Officer (BEO), Kathiwada and the said funds were fraudulently withdrawn using fabricated bills and diverted into number of personal bank accounts through manipulation of the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS). It is also ascertained that out of the embezzled funds from the accounts of Treasury Department, amount to the tune of Rs.9 crores were withdrawn in cash.

Further investigation is under progress.