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ED attaches multiple residential properties, shops and farms in Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) Fake Bill Scam

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Indore Sub-Zonal Office, has provisionally attached 09 immovable properties valued at Rs. 3.48 Crore, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with the ongoing money laundering investigation into the Indore Municipal Corporation Fake Bill Scam. The attached properties comprise residential houses/flats, residential plots, commercial shops and agricultural land situated in the districts of Indore and Dhar, Madhya Pradesh, held in the names of accused persons, beneficiaries and their family members/co-owners.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by Police Station M.G. Road, Indore, relating to fraudulent withdrawal of public funds from the treasury of Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) through submission of fake bills, forged work orders, fabricated measurement books and other falsified records in respect of works which were either not executed or had already been completed under genuine work orders.

ED investigation revealed that various contractor firms, in connivance with officials of IMC and officials of the Local Fund Audit/Resident Audit Department, prepared and processed forged work-order files and fake bills and thereby fraudulently siphoned off public funds amounting to **Rs. 103.62 Crore** from the IMC treasury. The fraudulently obtained funds were subsequently withdrawn in cash, distributed among the contractors, public servants and other beneficiaries, transferred to related entities, intermingled with other funds and utilised for acquisition of assets and personal expenditure.

Previously, ED had issued Provisional Attachment Order dated 03.07.2025, provisionally attaching 43 immovable properties valued at approximately Rs. 33.65 Crore in this case. With the present attachment, the total value of immovable properties provisionally attached in the case stands at approximately Rs. 37.14 Crore. ED had also conducted search operations under Section 17 of PMLA, 2002, at various premises connected with the accused persons and associated entities, resulting in the seizure/freezing of cash, valuables and other assets worth approximately Rs. 22.04 Crores. **Thus, total attachment and seizure in this case presently stand at Rs. 59.18 Crore.**

ED had also arrested three key accused persons, namely Abhay Singh Rathore, Mohd. Zakir and Rahul Badera, on 01.06.2026 under Section 19 of PMLA, 2002. These 3 persons are still in Judicial Custody.

Further investigation is under progress.