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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kochi Zonal Office, has issued Provisional Attachment Order No. 05/2026 dated 04.02.2026 under Section 5(1) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, attaching two immovable properties worth Rs. 40.48 Lakh (approx.), based at Kollam District, Kerala registered in the names of Jayaprakash J and Smt. Sreeja Jayaprakash.

The case arises from FIR registered by the Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Pathanamthitta, against J. Jayaprakash (former Administrative Officer, Nilackal Devaswom Board) and other officials of the Travancore Devaswom Board. It alleges that during the Mandala Makaravilakku festival period in 2018-19, forged bills and invoices were created in the name of M/s J P Traders, leading to sanction of Rs. 59,98,029/- from Devaswom funds. Only one cheque of Rs. 8,20,935/- was legitimately paid to the actual supplier. The remaining three cheques were fraudulently encashed, resulting in misappropriation of Rs. 51,77,194/- with the assistance of co-accused.

Investigation under PMLA was initiated as the offences under various Sections of IPC, 1860 and Section 13(2) r/w 13(1)(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act are scheduled offences which were invoked in the FIR. Statements under Section 50 of PMLA were recorded from key persons, including the proprietor of M/s J P Traders, witnesses and the accused officials between July and December 2025. Relevant bank statements and cheque details were also collected. Investigation revealed that out of the Proceeds of Crime to the tune of Rs. 51,77,194/-, Jayaprakash B has received Rs. 11,28,922/- and the remaining Rs. 40,48,272/- lies in the hands of Jayaprakash J.

Further investigation is under progress.