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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office, has provisionally attached 75 immovable and 2 movable properties worth Rs. **158.85 Crore, having a current market value of more than Rs. 350 Crore,** under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, in connection with a money laundering case related to M/s Rohtas Project Limited & others. The immovable properties worth Rs. 141.21 Crore are registered in the name of Deepak Rastogi, Promoter of Rohtas group of companies; associate companies of the Rohtas Group; Vardan Township Pvt Ltd, a number of benamidars of Rohtas group, and M/s Adhyaye Realty Infrastructure LLP. The movable properties worth Rs. 17.64 Crore are in the name of M/s Highness Infra Developers Pvt Ltd. All the immovable properties are located in Lucknow.

ED initiated an investigation under PMLA, 2002, based on 83 FIRs registered by UP Police under various Sections of IPC, 1860. M/s Rohtas Project Limited floated township schemes, namely 'Sultanpur Road Project', and 'Raebareli Road Project', and 'Rohtas Plumeria', wherein customers could book different-sized plots/lands/flats, and after 30 months from the date of booking, they could either take possession of the booked plot/land/flat or a lump-sum 150% of the booking amount. However, the projects were neither developed nor was the money returned to the customers.

It has been revealed that promoters of the Rohtas group diverted the money collected from buyers to acquire lands in the name of their associate companies and benamidars. In order to further conceal the land assets, the associate company of the Rohtas Group, holding land assets, was transferred to Vardan Township Pvt Ltd. Similarly, benami lands belonging to the Rohtas Group were subsequently transferred to LLP, namely M/s Adhyaye Realty Infrastructure LLP. Further, some land parcels were acquired by Deepak Rastogi from these benamidars and were mortgaged with Banks to layer and integrate the Proceeds of Crime, by leveraging them to obtain clean banking funds

It is pertinent here to mention that earlier in the instant case, ED had provisionally attached 68 immovable properties valuing **Rs. 110.05 Crore** in October 2025. The total value of properties provisionally attached so far in this case aggregates to **Rs. 268.9 Crore.**

Further investigation is under progress.