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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Chennai Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 23.06.2026 at 21 premises located at Chennai, Madurai, Trichy and Coimbatore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with the case of tampering of OMR sheets in the Lecturers Recruitment Examination for Government Polytechnic Colleges conducted by the Teachers Recruitment Board (TRB) in 2017.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Tamil Nadu Police in 2017. The FIR alleged that during the post-examination scanning at TRB, the accused digitally altered the scanned images and inflated the marks of select candidates against the final answer key. The accused had arranged an extra set of 385 secondary OMR sheets bearing the names of the same select candidates. As a result, 262 undeserving candidates were fraudulently shown as qualified for the post of Polytechnic Lecturer, until the manipulation surfaced through public petitions, leading to re-evaluation, withdrawal of the result and registration of the case. The first chargesheet was filed by Tamil Nadu Police in 2021 and the second chargesheet was filed in October 2023.

Investigation by ED showed that the accused, led by V. Subramanian and his associate Mr. Suresh Paul, with the assistance of technical staff of M/s Datatec (Shaik Dawood Nassar and I. Raghupati) conspired to tamper the examination process in 2017. Through a network of agents and middlemen, they targeted willing candidates and collected Rs. 14–16 Lakh in cash. The cash so collected was routed through mule accounts and proxy firms (Trust Enterprises, Wisdom Enterprises and Suriyam Enterprises) and the accounts of associates and family members, and subsequently converted into immovable properties and jewellery.

The searches by ED were aimed at tracing the Proceeds of Crime associated with the scam. During the search, several incriminating materials were seized, including records of cash collected by the agents/ accused, candidate [carbon] copy of OMR sheets relating to various government examinations kept with the accused/ agents along with copies of various certificates belonging to candidates, digital evidences, etc. Cash of Rs. 13.18 Lakh was seized. 56 bank accounts and 2 demat accounts are freezed. Details/documents of 36 immovable properties having guidance value of about Rs. 9.67 Crore (Market value would be more than Rs. 20 Crore), held in the names of the accused and their associates have been seized.

Further investigation is under progress.