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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Shimla has filed two more Supplementary Prosecution Complaints (SPC) before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Shimla in the case of **Himachal Pradesh Scholarship Scam**.

The **SPC No. 3** was filed against the ICL Hitech Educational Society, Sanjiv Kumar Prabhakar & other co-accused on **22.08.2025** who were found to be involved in offense of money laundering. The ICL Hitech Educational Society runs the ICL Group of Colleges in Haryana.

The **SPC No. 04** has been filed against Dev Bhumy Educational Trust, Bhupinder Kumar Sharma & other co-accused on **17.12.2025** who were found to be involved in offense of money laundering. The Dev Bhumy Educational Trust was running the Dev Bhumy Group of Institutes, Una.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Central Bureau of Investigation, Shimla regarding the irregularity in disbursement of scholarship by the Directorate of Higher Education (**DoHE**), Shimla under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme (PMSS) for SC/ST/OBC students of Himachal Pradesh.

ED investigation revealed that these institutes had fraudulently received scholarship funds by certifying the details of those students who were **not enrolled** in any course with these institutes and who had left the institute without completing their studies. Further, in order to fraudulently obtain more amount of scholarship fund, false details of students were uploaded on the HP-e Pass portal (scholarship portal of **DoHE, Shimla**) by changing the course of students in subsequent years; by changing the caste category of students in subsequent years; by showing students as hosteller instead of day scholars etc.

The Proceeds of Crime (POC), so obtained, by various persons involved in the offence were used to acquire movable and immovable properties in their names and in the name of their family members. Earlier in the case, searches under the provisions of PMLA, 2002 were also conducted which resulted in seizure of incriminating material, seizure of cash to the tune of Rs. 80 Lakh approx. and freezing of bank balances/FDs to the tune of Rs. 3.30 Crore.

Moreover, Provisional Attachment Orders for attachment of movable and immovable assets to the tune of Rs 30.5 Crore (approx.) have been issued and a total of six persons have been arrested till date in this case.

Further investigation is under progress.