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The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office-I, conducted search operations on 03.09.2026 at 12 premises across West Bengal under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA), in connection with the investigation into the Kohinoor Power Pvt. Ltd. (KPPL) bank fraud involving default of more than ₹280 crore.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of the complaint filed by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) before the Ld. 2nd Special Court, Calcutta, in Criminal Case No. 11/2024, in respect of the affairs of M/s Kohinoor Power Private Limited (KPPL) and others. Investigation into the affairs of the company was ordered by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) pursuant to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) forwarding a list of companies in respect of which the Resolution Professional (RP) had filed applications before the NCLT concerning avoidance transactions

ED Investigation has revealed that KPPL, along with its directors indulged in fraudulent activities including submission of false information, concealment of material facts, falsification/manipulation of books of accounts and diversion of loan funds, thereby dishonestly inducing the consortium banks to sanction and disburse financial facilities. ED Investigation has further revealed that the company eventually went into liquidation under the IBC and only around ₹7 Crore could be recovered, leading to 97.5 % haircut to the banks. It is pertinent to mention that the Liquidator had also filed applications under Sections 66 and 67 of the IBC, highlighting avoidance transactions wherein funds had been siphoned to related concerns in the guise of bogus transactions and which was later on used to acquire properties in the name of promoters, their family members as well as entities owned/controlled by them.

Further investigation has revealed possession of dozens of immovable properties in and around Kolkata acquired from the Proceeds of Crime, from which the promoters were allegedly enjoying rental income of ₹26 Lakh (Approx) Per month.

Search operations have revealed that the promoters of the company, Vijay Bothra and Prashant Bothra, are controlling more than 100 shell entities which were allegedly being used for siphoning and laundering the Proceeds of Crime generated from the bank fraud. Further, large sums have also been invested abroad in the name of relatives and dummy directors.

Search operations resulted in freezing of bank accounts of more than 150 shell entities/individuals, along with securities and other financial investments including shares, mutual funds and debt securities. The total value of the bank balances and financial assets frozen during the operations is ₹64 Crore (Approx). Search operations also resulted in seizure of incriminating digital evidences, company records, financial documents, property deeds etc have been seized during the search operations, which are being analysed for tracing the Proceeds of Crime and identifying further assets acquired from the same.

Further investigation is under progress.