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Income Tax Department conducts search operations in Gujarat

The Income Tax Department initiated search and seizure operation on **03.12.2021** on a prominent group of Surat, engaged in the business of construction of residential and commercial complexes, land transactions as well as real estate financing. The search action covered more than **40 premises** spread over Surat and Mumbai.

During the course of the search action, various incriminating documentary and digital evidences have been found and seized including a parallel set of books of account in the case of group entities. The transactions of certain group entities have been found to be maintained in a highly coded manner but were successfully decoded by the search team. A preliminary analysis of these evidences indicates unaccounted cash receipt of on- money of more than **Rs. 300 crore** on sale of flats / land which is not found recorded in the regular books of account. Evidences of unaccounted cash infusion by partners, bogus accommodation entry loans by payment of cash and unexplained cash expenses etc. have also been noticed. Further, deeper examination of physical books of account and incriminating evidences seized during the search actions shows unexplained investments of more than **Rs. 200 crore** in real estate and more than **Rs. 100 crore** by way of loan financing.

The search action has led to the seizure of unexplained cash of **Rs. 4 crore** and jewellery valued at **Rs. 3 crore** while more than a dozen bank lockers have been placed under restraint. The search action has led to the detection of estimated undisclosed receipts and suspicious nature of entries aggregating to more than **Rs. 650 crore**.

Further investigations are under progress.

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