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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bangalore Zonal Office, has arrested Ravi Yallappa Kurbett on 08/07/25 in connection with double compensation scam at Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB), Dharwad, in the case of VD Sajjan and others under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. This scam was perpetrated by VD Sajjan (Retired Special Land Acquisition Officer, Dharwad) in collusion with other accused persons. The arrested person Ravi Yallappa Kurbett was produced before the Hon'ble Court of 3rd Additional District & Sessions Judge (PMLA), at Mangaluru, D. K on 09/08/2025. The Hon'ble Court was please to grant remand of 07 days to ED.

The evidences and documents collected during the course of investigation in this case has indicated active involvement of Ravi Yallappa Kurbett in the comprehensive money laundering scheme perpetrated at KIADB Dharwad.

ED investigation revealed ingenious modus operandi used by the accused persons to fraudulently claim and withdraw double compensation from KIABD in the name of persons who had already received compensation or who had already passed away. Ravi Yallappa Kurbett played instrumental role in this entire process.

Ravi Yallappa Kurbett has been a major beneficiary of POC generated in this scam. He has utilized the POC for purchase of immovable properties in his name and in the name of his relatives and for personal consumption.

It is pertinent to mention that ED has already attached properties amounting to Rs.13 Crore (Appx) in this case earlier.

Earlier, a Prosecution Compliant was filed in this case against accused 22 persons in the Court of 3rd Additional District & Sessions Judge PMLA, 2002, at, Mangaluru, D. K. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognisance of the same and the case is under trial.

Further investigation is under progress.