

## Court framed charges against former DDA officer

A Delhi court Tuesday framed charges against former DDA vice-chairman Subhash Sharma, alleged middleman Dharambir Khattar and three others, paving the way for their trial in a land scam case involving a private school.

Additional Sessions Judge I.K. Kochhar found Sharma, Khattar, former DDA director (lands) Jagdish Chandra, Sharma's then private secretary Ashok Kapoor and Modern Public School Education Society director Amrit Lal Kapoor prima facie guilty in the five-year-old case.

The accused were charged under various sections of the Indian Penal Code for allegedly entering into a criminal conspiracy. Charges were also framed against them under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The case relates to the Modern Public School Education Society at Shalimar Bagh which was allotted 3.977 acres of land by DDA on July 11, 1985 for construction of a higher secondary school.

According to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), despite approval of the building plan on Aug 2, 1991, the society did not build the school building within the stipulated period of two years. The CBI unearthed the DDA scam in 2003.

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