



Press Release  
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office has filed a Prosecution Complaint on 23/02/2026 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge, CBI/ED, Court No 2, Lucknow against Arif Anwar Hashmi (Ex-MLA, (Uttraula), Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh) and his wife Rozi Salma.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of various FIRs registered by UP Police under various Sections of IPC,1860 against Arif Anwar Hashmi and his associates. After due investigation, the UP Police has filed several charge sheets against Arif Anwar Hashmi and others, establishing offences of illegal encroachment, forgery, cheating, and criminal conspiracy.

It has also been revealed that there have been large unaccounted cash deposits in the bank accounts of Arif Anwar Hashmi and his wife, Rozi Salma, which were grossly inconsistent with their reported sources of income. During the investigation, they were unable to justify the source of the cash deposits, including the funds used to purchase the immovable properties. The accused individuals generated Proceeds of Crime amounting to **Rs 8.24 Crore** by committing scheduled offences.

ED has attached 21 immovable properties in the form of agricultural land, residential plots and flats worth Rs 8.24 Crore, belonging to Arif Anwar Hashmi and his wife Rozi Salma, vide Provisional Attachment Order dated 24.09.2024. These properties are situated at Balrampur, Lucknow, and Gonda districts of Uttar Pradesh. The attached properties were acquired with Proceeds of Crime generated from the commission of a scheduled offence under the PMLA. Ld. Adjudicating Authority under PMLA has confirmed the above-mentioned attachment order vide order dated 03.03.2025.

Further investigation is under progress.