## Press Release

 14/10/2023Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached properties worth Rs.73,43,900/(book value) under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in case of Mukhtar Ansari and others on 14.10.2023. The attached properties consist oflandadmeasuring 1538 sq. ft. situated at Arazi no. 604, Mauja Rajdepur Dehati, Tehsil Sadar, Ghazipur, and the commercial building constructed over it; plot of land admeasuring 6020 sq. ft. situated at Arazi no. 169, in Mauja Jahangirabad, Pargana and Tehsil- Sadar, Janpad- Mau. These properties were acquired by Abbas Ansari at undervalued consideration of Rs. 71.94 lakh as against government rate of Rs. 6.23 crore. In addition, Rs. 1.5 lakh in form of balance lying in bank account of Mukhtar Ansari has also been provisionally attached.

ED initiated investigation on the bases of multiple FIRs registered by Uttar Pradesh Police against Mukhtar Ansari and his aides. Mukhtar Ansari and his family members usurped government land and built a warehouse over it. The warehouse was hired on rent by Food Corporation of India Limited and rent was paid to the family members of Muktar Ansari.

Earlier, ED attached seven immovable properties having book value Rs. 1.5 Crore, in the form of plot of lands in district Mau and Jalaun, Uttar Pradesh belonging to Afshan Ansari, w/o Mukhtar Ansari and Vikas Construction, a firm controlled by Mukhtar Ansari and his kins. The attachment order was confirmed by Ld Adjudicating Authority.

Till date, three persons i.e. Mukhtar Ansari, his son Abbas Ansari, sitting MLA from Mau Sadar constituency, Atif Raza, brother in law of Mukhtar Ansari have been arrested by ED, who are presently in judicial custody. Prosecution complaints against these three persons have been filed before Hon'ble Special PMLA court which has taken cognizance of the same.

Further investigation is under progress.

