



## **Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Allahabad Sub-zonal office has provisionally attached 04 immovable properties worth Rs.12.54 Crore owned by M/s VSP Starr Realty Pvt Ltd, through Smt. Ram Lali Mishra Ex MLC Uttar Pradesh, Bholanath Shukla and Chandan Tiwari and 01 movable property in the form of Fixed Deposit (FD) for Rs. 1.85 Crore owned by Virendra Ram Murat Tiwari, (with total) worth of Rs.14.39 Crore, in a money laundering case related to Vijay Mishra and others, under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The immovable properties attached are residential and agricultural in nature and located at Prayagraj, Delhi and Rewa (MP).

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered at PS Handia, Prayagraj by the Vigilance Department against Vijay Mishra, Ex-MLA and his wife Smt. Ramlali Mishra, Ex-MLC. The Charge sheets dated 14.07.2023 & 26.07.2023 have been filed against them by Uttar Pradesh Police under various sections of the Prevention and Corruption Act, for accumulating disproportionate assets in the form of movable and immovable properties to the tune of Rs. 36.07 Crore while working as public servants. Apart from said criminal case, there are other 84 criminal cases that were found to be registered against Vijay Mishra and his family members across State of Uttar Pradesh for committing offences of extortion, illegal mining, kidnapping, murder, loot, fraud, forgery, cheating, criminal conspiracy, organized crime evidencing his decades long criminal history.

ED investigation revealed that Vijay Mishra and his wife Smt. Ramlali Mishra while serving as public servant had misused their official position and in furtherance of the same, incorporated a company namely M/s VSP Starr Realty Pvt. Ltd. having property at Jasola, Delhi worth 11.07 Crore provisionally attached by the ED on 28.02.2024. The continuous enjoyment and commercialization of the said property by leasing it out further resulted in generation of Proceeds of Crime (POC) and M/s VSP Starr Realty Pvt. Ltd. invested portion of such proceeds in purchasing a property in Prayagraj. Also, a property located at Rewa MP was purchased in the name of Chandan Tiwari whose actual payment was made by Vishnu Mishra, son of Vijay Mishra utilizing the POC. Thus, the POC was invested in form of Benami properties also.

Further investigation revealed that POC generated from criminal activities of Vijay Mishra and family was transferred at the stance of Vijay Mishra to Bholanath Rajpati Shukla who utilized it in towards his business activities to reflect it as untainted. A part of POC was also found to be transferred to Virendra Ram Murat Tiwari, relative of Vijay Mishra, in guise of loan so that it could be shown as untainted money. Therefore, movable/immovable properties of Bholanath Rajpati Shukla and Virendra Ram Murat Tiwari which were acquired using the POC, are attached under the provisions of PMLA. Total attachment in this case now stands at Rs. 25.46 Crore.

Further investigation is under progress.

