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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Srinagar Zonal office has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) on 4/4/2024 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money-laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir against the accused persons namely Mohammad Akbar Bhat, Mrs. Fatima Shah, Altaf Ahmad Bhat, Qazi Yasir, Mohammad Abdullah Shah, Sabzar Ahmad Sheikh, Manzoor Ahmad Shah, Mohammad Iqbal Mir and Syed Khalid Geelani alias Khalid Andrabi. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the PC on 18/4/2024 and notice has been issued to all accused except Quazi Yasir, Altaf Ahmad Bhat and Manzoor Ahmad Shah, against them non bailable warrant has been issued.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of charge-sheet filed by J&K Police for the offences under various sections of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 and Indian Penal Code, 1860.

ED investigation revealed that the accused persons were hand-in-glove with some educational consultancies for arranging admissions of J&K residents in MBBS course in the various collages of Pakistan by taking hefty money of Rs.10-15 Lakh per student. ED investigation further revealed that the money was being received by the accused persons from the students/parents of students in their personal accounts and in the bank accounts of Al-Jabar Trust, which was the front entity for receiving the funds from the students/parents in guise of donations. It is further revealed that the amount received in Al-Jabar Trust was ultimately used for the purpose of providing terrorist activities in India such as distribution of money to stone-pelters terrorists etc. in Jammu & Kashmir on the instructions of Pakistani handlers. ED investigation further revealed that the accused Mohammad Abdullah Shah had sold the property of Manzoor Ahmad Shah, Presently in PoK and used the sale proceeds for terrorists activities, stone-pelting etc.

Earlier in this case, ED had attached movable and immovable properties worth Rs.5 Crore (approx.) and also arrested Mohammad Akbar Bhat, Mohammad Abdullah Shah, Fatima Shah and Sabzaar Ahmad Sheikh. All the 4 arrested accused are in Judicial Custody.

Further investigation is under progress.