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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed Prosecution Complaint before Hon'ble Special PMLA Court, Ghaziabad against Mohammad Kashif on 28.07.2023, in the case of extortion from general public by depicting himself close to the officers of PMO and ED. The Hon'ble Special Court has taken cognizance of the Prosecution Complaint on 31.07.2023.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR registered by UP Police at PS Surajpur, Uttar Pradesh against Mohammad Kashif. The accused Mohammad Kashif depicted himself close to the officers of PMO and ED and extorted money from general public in the name of getting their work done from government departments/ ministries.

During investigation under PMLA, 2002 by ED, searches were conducted at residence of Mohammad Kashif located in Sector-107, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, wherein cash amounting to Rs. 1,10,50,000/-, a Currency-counting machine and documents related to investigation conducted by various investigation agencies against other persons were recovered and seized. These documents pertain to investigation conducted by DRI, Customs, ED, ICAI etc. During further investigation, it was found that by using the above modus operandi, Mohammad Kashif had extorted Rs. 1 Crore from a family of businessman in lieu of helping them in a case being investigated by ED. Apart from the seizure of cash amounting to Rs 1,10,50,000/-, the investigation has revealed that Mohammad Kashif had purchased property worth Rs. 1.78 Crore, out of which he has paid Rs.1.05 Crore in cash. Apart from this, he had spent huge amount on his luxurious lifestyle (high end luxury cars, watches, cloths etc.) including multiple foreign trips without any legitimate source of money. The recovery of documents pertaining to other investigative agencies establishes the modus operandi devised by Mohammad Kashif for extortion of money from general people.

Based on the findings of investigation conducted under the provisions of PMLA, 2002, Prosecution Complaint for offence committed by Mohammad Kashif under section 3 punishable under Section 4 of PMLA, 2002 has been filed and cash amounting to Rs.1,10,50,000/- recovered and seized from the residence of Mohammad Kashif have been prayed for confiscation before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Ghaziabad.
