



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Allahabad Sub-Zonal Office, had filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) against Bhagwati Prashad Verma and Athar Parvez in the case of **Bhagwati Prashad Verma & Others** under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Lucknow, on 24.04.2025. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the PC on 09.09.2025.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by ACB, CBI, Lucknow, under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The case pertains to abuse of official position, criminal conspiracy, and misappropriation of MNREGA funds in seven districts of Uttar Pradesh (Balrampur, Gonda, Mahoba, Sonbhadra, Sant Kabir Nagar, Mirzapur, and Kushinagar) during 2007–2010.

ED investigation revealed that Bhagwati Prashad Verma, then Project Director (DRDA) & Additional District Programme Coordinator, MNREGS and Athar Parvez in collusion with other Government officials and private suppliers, facilitated procurement of job cards, complaint boxes, registers, generators, tents, first-aid kits, water tanks, signboards, and printing materials at exorbitant rates from firms namely **Sanyukt Samiti Panchayat Udyog, Chinhath, Lucknow and Panchayat Udyog, Jhanjhari, Gonda**, thereby causing significant pecuniary loss to the Government exchequer.

The investigation established the generation and layering of Proceeds of Crime, leading to attachment of 9 immovable properties (residential buildings, agricultural lands, commercial and residential plots) worth Rs. 97.18 Lakh located in Lakhimpur and Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, vide Provisional Attachment Order dated 29.11.2023.