



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Srinagar Zonal Office, has carried out search operations under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at 10 locations in Srinagar, Budgam, Kupwara and Anantnag districts of Jammu & Kashmir in respect of an investigation relating to the involvement of conspirators who were hand-in-glove with some educational consultancies manipulating or arranging admission of J&K students in various professional courses, including MBBS in Pakistan based colleges, institutions and universities.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered under various sections of UA(P) Act and IPC, and chargesheet filed by CIK, Srinagar, J&K, against various accused persons namely Mohd. Akbar Bhat @ Zaffar Bhat, Fatima Shah, Altaf Ahmad Bhat, Qazi Yasir, Mohd. Abdullah Shah, Sabzar Ahmad Sheikh, Manzoor Ahmad Shah, Mohd. Iqbal Mir, Syed Khalid Geelani @ Khalid Andrabi, for their involvement in accumulating funds for terror activities on the pretext of admission of J&K students in various professional courses in Pakistan based institutions.

PMLA investigation has also revealed that many a times, these admissions are actually part of Technical Assistance Programme (TAP) and are offered to foreign students either free or at nominal charges on annual basis. However, hefty charges were being levied on the students and the extra money so earned, was ploughed into supporting terrorism in myriad ways on the instructions of Pakistan based handlers as well as those sitting in Jammu & Kashmir. As of now, proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs. 01 Cr. approx have been determined and 06 people have been indentified who had been admitted to various institutions in Pakistan by such elements.

During the course of search operations, documents related to immovable properties and highly incriminating material including digital devices related to the scam, have been recovered and seized.

Further investigation is in progress.