



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal office had filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) against Ajit Kumar Gupta, Mrs. Neeharika Singh (IFS), M/s Anee Bullion and Industries Pvt. Ltd, M/s Anee Commodity Brokers Pvt. Ltd., and M/s Anee Securities Pvt. Ltd under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Lucknow on 02.09.2024. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the PC on 24.11.2024.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of 33 FIRs registered at various Police Stations of Uttar Pradesh under various sections of IPC, 1860 against Ajit Kumar Gupta (Promoter/ Director of Anee Group of Companies) and various other persons, on the basis of several complaints filed by the investors/public individuals, during the period from 21/02/2020 to 26/10/2020, in respect of alleged offences of fraud and forgery committed by them. That, subsequently 25 Charge-sheets in 12 FIRs have been filed by the LEA.

ED investigation revealed that initially the accused Ajit Kumar Gupta in connivance with his other associates collected huge money from gullible investors by floating various fraudulent schemes viz. Daily Deposit Scheme, Monthly Recurring Deposit Scheme, Fixed Scheme, etc. through his proprietorship concern M/s Anee Bullion Trader with a promise of exorbitant rate of returns as high as 40% per annum which they failed to return. Later, he started collecting money from investors by using the account of M/s Eye Vision Credit Co-operative Society Ltd. through his close associates who were the office bearers of the said society in the name of new return linked investment schemes. The investments were never returned and the innocent people were cheated to the tune of Rs. 60 Crore.

ED investigation further revealed that the Proceeds of Crime (POC) generated by Ajit Gupta by luring the gullible investors was further layered through various companies of 'Anee Group', and was used for purchase of various immovable properties like House agriculture land etc. in the name of Ajit Gupta, his IFS wife Niharika Singh and others.

During the investigation, assets worth Rs 9.10 Crore in the form of immovable and movable properties were identified and provisionally attached vide Provisional Attachment Orders dated 31.03.2023 (Rs.7.07 Crore) and 11/2023 dated 20.12.2023 (Rs.2.03Crore), which were later confirmed by the Ld. Adjudicating Authority.

Further investigation is under progress.