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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Shimla Sub-Zonal Office has filed an application under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act (FEOA), 2018 against Mrs. Ashoni Kanwar W/o Raj Kumar Rana, and Mandeep Rana S/o Raj Kumar Rana before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Special Judge, District and Session Court, Shimla. The said application has been filed in the matter connected to a case which is being investigated under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the matter of sale of fake degrees by Manav Bharati University, Laddo, Sultanpur, Solan. As a result of criminal activity i.e. sale of fake degrees, Rajkumar Rana and his associates obtained Proceeds of Crime (POC) to the tune of Rs. 387 Crore approx.

Further, during the course of investigation, it was revealed that Ms. Ashoni Kanwar and Mandeep Rana were residing in Australia. Both the persons were summoned to join the investigation but they never joined the investigations. Further, during investigations a Prosecution Complaint was filed by ED before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA) on 12.12.2022. The Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA) took cognizance of the Prosecution Complaint on 04.01.2023 and issued summonses to Mrs. Ashoni Kanwar and Mandeep Rana, , which were not complied by them. Pursuant thereto, open ended Non Bailable Warrants have been issued by the Hon'ble Court on 04.11.2023 against them.

Therefore, the aforesaid application has been filed before the Hon'ble Special Court, Shimla praying to initiate the proceedings against the said persons under the provisions of section 10 of the said act, and to declare both of them Fugitive Economic Offenders under the provisions of section 12 of the FEOA, 2018.