



Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Srinagar has filed Prosecution Complaint (PC) against Hakeem Imtiyaz (the than Junior Engineer, R&B PW Shopian Division), Niamat Ali Bhat (a private civil contractor), Shah Nawaz Shafi (the than Circle Deployment Head, Airtel of J&K region), Malik Mohsin Shah (the than employee of Axis Bank, Arhama Branch, Shopian) under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Court of the Hon'ble Special Judge, Anti-Corruption CBI Cases Kashmir, Srinagar on 09.09.2025. Further, the cognizance of the Prosecution Complaint has also been taken by the Hon'ble Special Court on 09.09.2025.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by ACB, J&K, Anantnag u/s 5(1)(c), 5(1)(d) r/w 5(2) of JK PC Act and under section 420, 468, 471, 120-B of RPC (Pari-Materia to Sections 13(1)(c), 13(1)(d) r/w 13(2) of PC Act, 1988 and Sections 420, 468, 471 & 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860) against Hakeem Imtiyaz and Niamat Ali Bhat. The said case was registered by ACB on the basis of verification conducted into the allegations of mis-appropriation of funds belonging to Airtel authorities and Reliance Jio who had paid huge amount of money in favour of PWD, R&B Department, on account of damages caused to the roads during laying of Telephone cables in the District of Shopian and Handwara.

ED investigation revealed that Hakeem Imtiyaz, in criminal conspiracy with others including one Niamat Ali, fraudulently obtained the funds of Rs. 2.67 Crore, claimed for repairing the property which got damaged during laying of Fiber-optic Cables, and deposited into a singly operated bank account which was fraudulently opened in the name of "Assistant Engineer, PW (R&B) Division, Shopian" with clear intention of siphoning off the said fund. It has been further revealed that upon receipt of Proceeds of Crime into the bank accounts, Niamat Ali Bhat had used the part of the same, for acquisition and construction of the attached properties.

Earlier, ED, Srinagar has attached movable (one Maruti Wagon R) and immovable properties (in the form of land, measuring 01 Kanal, 03 Marlas, situated at Chattabal South District Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir along with a Two-storey residential house made thereon) valued at Rs. 1.56 Crore, in the hand of Niamat Ali Bhat.

Further investigation is under progress.