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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office has provisionally attached 21 immovable properties in the form of residential flats, agricultural and commercial lands, worth Rs. 8.24 Crore belonging to Arif Anwar Hashmi Ex MLA Utraula Balrampur (2007-2017) and his wife Smt. Rozi Salma under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of multiple FIRs registered under various sections of IPC, 1860 and other Acts by UP Police against Arif Anwar Hashmi, his brothers and other accomplices alleging criminal conspiracy, fraud, cheating and forgery. He has also been listed as a gangster under UP Gangster Act. He has been involved in illegal encroachment and grabbing of land. After due investigation, the Uttar Pradesh Police have also filed several chargesheets against Arif Anwar Hashmi and others establishing the offences of illegal encroachment, forgery, cheating and criminal conspiracy.

ED investigation revealed that Arif Anwar Hashmi is involved in the offences of illegal encroachment and land grabbing since the year 1984. ED investigation also revealed several instances of tampering with government documents relating to land records, using Gram Panchayats for changing nature of land for illegal gain in collusion with others and making huge illegal money by running businesses, colleges over the encroached properties.

The investigation has revealed that the properties attached have been generated from Proceeds of Crime and grossly disproportionate to the known sources of income of Arif Anwar Hashmi and his wife Smt. Rozi Salma. The said properties are situated in Lucknow, Balrampur and Gonda (Uttar Pradesh).

Further investigation is under progress.