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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Allahabad Sub-Zonal office has issued a Provisional Attachment Order dated 15/07/2025 attaching 06 immovable properties worth Rs.4.18 Crore owned by M/s Spectrum Infraservices Pvt. Ltd. (a company owned and controlled by Atul Rai, Ex-MP, Ghosi Constituency, Uttar Pradesh) and Jitender Sapra. This action is part of a money laundering investigation linked to M/s Vikas Construction (a company controlled by the late Mukhtar Ansari) and others, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The immovable properties attached include 01 residential apartment in New Delhi, 03 residential plots in Varanasi, and 02 agricultural lands located in Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh.

ED initiated its investigation based on FIR registered at Dakshin Tola Police Station, Mau. A review of the FIR revealed that M/s Vikas Construction, Ghazipur had encroached upon government land located in Raini Village, Mau and illegally constructed a godown on it. Similarly, another godown was built in Ghazipur and leased to the Food Corporation of India (FCI), thereby generating Proceeds of Crime (POC) by making godown on govt land and receiving rent from FCI. The total rent received amounted to Rs. 15.31 Crore (approx.). Additional proceeds of Rs. 2.25 Crore were obtained as a subsidy for godown construction from NABARD, Rs. 3.10 Crore (approx.) was illegally appropriated from former partners of M/s Vikas Construction, and Rs. 7.05 Crore (approx.) was received by Atif Raza as handling and transportation charges from FCI. These transactions collectively constitute POC totalling Rs. 27.72 Crore (approx.).

ED investigation revealed that the firm M/s Vikas Construction was operated under the influence of late Mukhtar Ansari, with his close relatives and associates as partners, including Atif Raza (his brother-in-law), who held a 15% stake in the firm. According to the dossier provided by police authorities regarding the late Mukhtar Ansari, a total of 49 criminal cases—pertaining to murder, extortion, and land grabbing—were registered against him in various police stations.

Further investigation indicated that POC amounting to approximately Rs. 8.49 Crore, generated from M/s Vikas Construction, was deposited in the bank accounts of M/s Aaghaz Project and Engineering Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Inizio Network Solution Pvt. Ltd.—both companies owned and controlled by late Mukhtar Ansari and his relatives/aides. These funds were routed through business accounts under the pretext of routine expenses to integrate the illicit funds into the formal banking system and disguise their origins. Subsequently, the amount was transferred to bank accounts of M/s Kusumvision Infra Private Limited, M/s Spectrum Infraservices Private Limited, and M/s Kusum Constructions and Telecom Services— companies owned and controlled by Atul Rai, Ex-MP—as part of a business transaction arrangement that has now been established as part of a layering process. Additionally, POC of Rs.1 Crore was transferred to bank accounts of Jitender Sapra and his family members from M/s Vikas Construction, Atif Raza (accused), M/s Aaghaz Project and Engineering Pvt. Ltd., and M/s Inizio Network Solution Pvt. Ltd. Subsequently this money was used for buying the immovable properties which now have been attached. Total attachment in this case so far, stands at Rs. 6.40 Crore.

Further investigation is under progress.