



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office has provisionally attached 15 immovable properties valued at **Rs.29.51 Lakh** situated in Farukhabad, Uttar Pradesh in the form of Agricultural Land and 4 Bank accounts amounting to Rs.**16.41 Lakh** belonging to Dr. Zakir Husain Memorial Trust under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of 17 FIRs registered by EOW, UP Police under various sections of IPC, 1860 against Pratyush Shukla, representative of Dr. Zakir Hussain Memorial Trust and others. Chargesheet has been filed by UP police in all 17 cases against Athar Farooqui alias Mohd. Athar S/o Mohd. Ahmed, the Secretary of Dr. Zakir Hussain Memorial Trust and Mrs. Louis Khurshid w/o Salman Khurshid, the Project Director of Dr. Zakir Hussain Memorial Trust.

ED investigation revealed that grant-in-aid of Rs. 71.5 lakh received by the Trust was not utilized for holding camps sanctioned by Govt. of India but it was laundered by Pratyush Shukla, Representative of the Trust, Mohammad Athar, Secretary to the Trust, Smt. Louise Khurshid, Project Director of the Trust for the interest of the Trust and their personal gain. In this way, the fund received as grant-in-aid was laundered for their personal gain and generated Proceeds of Crime.

Further investigation is under progress.