



## **Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Delhi Zonal office has arrested Amanatullah Khan under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 on 02.09.2024 in the case of irregularities committed during his tenure as Chairman of Delhi Waqf Board from 2016-2021.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by CBI under various sections of Prevention of Corruption Act (PC Act), 1988 and IPC, 1860 for the illegalities committed in the appointment of Group C and Group D employees in Delhi Waqf Board (DWB) causing a wrongful loss to the government exchequer and the FIR registered by ACB Delhi under PC Act, 1988 and IPC, 1860 for misuse and abuse of official position as Chairman, Waqf Board in allotment of the tenancy of properties of DWB without following proper procedure.

During the course of investigation, multiple searches were conducted dated 09.10.2023 and dated 02.01.2024 and incriminating materials were seized. ED investigation revealed that under the directions of Amanatullah Khan, Zeeshan Haider and Daud Nasir were managing the ill-gotten money of Amanatullah Khan during his tenure as Chairman of Delhi Waqf Board and used the same to make cash payments via Kausar Imam Siddiqui for the purchase of property at 275-276, TTI Tikona Park, Okhla, Delhi belonging to Jawed Imam Siddiqui.

ED investigation revealed huge cash deposits in the bank accounts of Jawed Imam Siddiqui and his wife and that the handwritten notings by Kausar Imam Siddiqui in the seized diary pertains to the same tainted cash transactions made on behalf of Amanatullah Khan for the purchase of the said property at Tikona Park.

During the course of PMLA investigation, 14 summons were issued to Amanatullah Khan. However, he appeared in response to only one summon, that too on the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

For the summons issued on 12.01.2024, Amanatullah Khan responded stating that on account of Republic Day, he will not be able to appear. Then, for the next three summons, he filed a writ petition in the Delhi High Court and used it as an excuse for non-appearance. For the next summon issued on 16.02.2024, he did not provide any response. Subsequent to the dismissal of this Writ Petition, he failed to appear for the next three summons stating the Anticipatory Bail Petition filed in the Hon'ble Delhi High Court and in the

Hon'ble Supreme Court. Dismissing his anticipatory bail petition, the Hon'ble Apex court directed Amanatullah Khan to cooperate in the investigation and to appear on 18.04.2024. Amanatullah Khan finally appeared on 18.04.2024 and committed to cooperate with investigating proceedings. However, he did not cooperate and started avoiding investigation on one pretext or the other.

When the summon was issued on 19.04.2024, Amanatullah Khan cited his mother's ill health and sought 10 days. He was allowed that time and was asked to appear on 01.05.2024. However, he did not appear on 01.05.2024 citing his commitments to campaign for Lok Sabha Elections. For the next two summons, he cited his ill health as the reason for non-appearance and sought an adjournment for another four weeks. After four weeks, the ED summoned him again on 08.07.2024. However, he cited his 5<sup>th</sup> semester BA exams and sought an adjournment for four weeks. When the last summon was issued on 26.07.2024, he cited his mother-in-law's ill health for adjournment.

Two Prosecution Complaints dated 04.04.2024 and 17.08.2024 under Section 174 of the IPC were filed by the ED against him before ACMM Rouse Avenue Court for non-compliance to the summon proceedings. In the PMLA case also, one Prosecution Complaint has been filed on 09.01.2024 against Zeeshan Haider, Daud Nasir, Kausar Imam Siddiqui and Jawed Imam Siddiqui in the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA). The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the same on 19.01.2024.

Amanatullah Khan was arrested on 02.09.2024 and was produced before Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA) for ED custody. The Hon'ble Special Court remanded Amanatullah Khan to custody for 4 days.