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Directorate of Enforcement initiated investigation under PMLA, 2002 against Mukhtar Ansari (Ex MLA) and his aides on the bases of multiple FIRs lodged by Uttar Pradesh Police.

During the investigation, it came to the notice of this Directorate that two more FIRs were lodged against M/s Vikas Constructions (a partnership firm) by Uttar Pradesh Police for constructing godowns on public/government land after encroaching it. The godowns were constructed in Mau and Ghazipur district of U.P.

The firm M/s Vikas Construction was being run by Smt. Afshan Ansari (wife of Mukhtar Ansari) and her two brothers Atif Raza & Anwar Shahzad & other two persons Ravindra Narayan Singh & Zakir Hussain.

UP Police has filed charge sheet in one of the FIRs registered at Mau District of UP in which all the partners of the firm M/s Vikas construction have been made accused.

During the PMLA investigation it was revealed that rent to the tune of Rs. 15 crore was collected by M/s Vikas Construction from Food Corporation of India by renting out the godowns illegally constructed by encroaching public/government land at Mau & Ghazipur district of UP. This rent was further used to purchase immovable properties in the name of M/s Vikas Construction & Smt. Afshan Ansari. After tracing out such immovable properties, the Directorate of Enforcement has provisionally attached seven immovable properties worth Rs. 1.48 crore (registry value). The circle rate of attached properties at the time of registration was Rs. 3.42 Crore.

Further investigation to trace out the remaining process of crime is under progress.