



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed Prosecution Complaint (PC) under the provisions of Prevention of Money-laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 against 21 accused persons/entities which includes the then Arms License Authorities (DM/ADMs) – Rajeev Ranjan(IAS) and Itrat Hussain Rafiqi, Judicial Clerks, other officials of Office of Deputy Magistrate, Kupwara and Gun House Dealers/Agents/Middlemen including Rahul Grover, Syed Addel Hussain Shah and Syed Akeel Shah before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Jammu in a case related to illegal issuance of large number of Arms Licenses. The Hon'ble Special Court has taken cognizance of the PC on 12.02.2024.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of various FIRs registered by The Anti-Terrorist Squad/Special Operations Group, Jaipur, Rajasthan Police and Central Bureau of Investigation, Chandigarh under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Arms Act.

ED investigation revealed that during the relevant period the then DM/ADMs, Judicial Clerks and other officials of office of District Magistrate, Kupwara in connivance with Gun House Dealers and Agents/Middlemen hatched a criminal conspiracy among themselves and issued/renewed large number of illegal Arms License to ineligible applicants in lieu of monetary consideration by flouting various norms, procedures of Arms Act. Accused were found to be in acquisition and possession of proceeds of crime generated out of criminal activities related to the above scheduled offences.

Earlier, ED had issued Provisional Attachment Order attaching movable and immovable properties of the accused to the tune of Rs 4.69 Crore and seized cash to the tune of Rs. 1.58 Crore & Gold during search & seizure action. The attachment and seizure has been confirmed by Ld. Adjudicating Authority, PMLA, New Delhi.

Further investigation is under progress.
