



**Press Release**  
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) against three individuals, namely Aftab Ali, Javed Iqbal Naviwala and Altaf Haneef Quereshi under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Lucknow on 27.10.2023. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the PC on 13.05.2024.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terror Squad (ATS) under various sections of Indian Penal Code 1860, and Official Secrets Act, 1923 against Aftab Ali & others. The UP ATS filed a Charge Sheet before the Special Judge for NIA & ATS cases, Lucknow under the Indian Penal Code 1860 and Official Secrets Act, 1923 as well as the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, alleging that Aftab Ali was collecting prohibited, secret, and strategically important information of the Indian Army and transmitting the same to Pakistani Intelligence Agency, ISI, thereby damaging the unity and integrity of India. Aftab Ali pleaded guilty and was convicted by the ATS Court vide its Order dated 02.07.2022.

ED investigation revealed that Aftab Ali was engaged in anti-national activities like spying and passing of information related to the Indian Army to Pakistani ISI agents, for which he received remuneration in cash and in his bank account. It was also found that Javed Iqbal Naviwala and Altaaf Haneef Qureshi were involved in the terror-financing through hawala. During the investigation, assets worth Rs.72.68 Lakh in the form of cash were provisionally attached, which were later confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority.

Further investigation is under progress.