

In a terror financing case investigated by Directorate of Enforcement (ED) 04 terrorists namely Mohammad Shafi Shah, Talib Lali, Muzaffar Ahmad Dar, Mushtaq Ahmad Lone have been convicted by the Special Court, PMLA, Patiala House Court, New Delhi for the offence of money laundering defined under section 3 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, (PMLA) 2002.

A case of money laundering was investigated by ED, on the basis of a case registered by National Investigation Agency (NIA), New Delhi under various provisions of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 against terrorist outfit Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) and various terrorists associated with the proscribed terrorist organisation. During investigation carried out by ED it was established that Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), one of the most active terrorist organisations in Jammu and Kashmir has been regularly receiving funds originating for carrying out terrorist activities. Investigation established that in the garb of Jammu Kashmir Affectees Relief Trust (JKART), the terrorist outfit Hizb-ul-Mujahideen was actively involved in funding terrorist activities.

After investigation ED filed Prosecution Complaint against 12 terrorists involved in the offence of money laundering on 21.04.2020. Out of these 12 accused persons, 8 terrorists have been declared Proclaimed Offenders by the Special Court, PMLA, Patiala House Court, New Delhi. Remaining 04 accused persons have pleaded guilty before the trial court for the offence of money laundering. On 17.02.2023 the court of Additional Sessions Judge-03, Patiala House Court, New Delhi convicted 04 terrorists who have committed the offence of money laundering and order of sentencing will be pronounced on 27.02.2023.

In this case ED has already attached the property amounting to Rs. 1.22 Crore.