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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal office, has filed a Supplementary Prosecution Complaint (SPC) on 14.01.2026 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 against 18 accused persons along with the main accused and mastermind Rajiv Nayan Mishra before the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge, CBI Court, Lucknow (Special Court under PMLA) in the case of UP Police Constable Recruitment Exam-2023 paper leak.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR No. 166/2024 dated 06.03.2024 registered by Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force (UPSTF) at P.S. Kanker Kheda, Meerut, UP under various Sections of IPC, 1860. Further, during the course of investigation some other FIRs i.e. (i) FIR No. 74/2024, dated 02.03.2024, (ii) FIR No. 41, dated 15.02.2024 (iii) FIR No. 461/2024, dated 22.07.2024, (iv) FIR No. 131/2023, dated 22.07.2024 and (v) FIR No. 236/2024, dated 23.07.2024 were also found to have been registered in this case against the accused persons and these were also included in the investigation.

The FIRs alleged that the accused persons hatched a criminal conspiracy to leak the question papers of the Uttar Pradesh Police Constable Recruitment Examination–2023 (UPPCRE-2023) and the Uttar Pradesh Review Officer/Assistant Review Officer Examination–2023 (UP RO/ARO Exam-2023). The leaked question papers were sold to various candidates for monetary gain. The candidates were provided with the leaked question papers and answers, which they memorized before appearing in the examinations scheduled on 17–18.02.2024 (UPPCRE-2023) and 11.02.2024 (UP RO/ARO Exam-2023) respectively. It has also been revealed that the proceeds generated from the UP RO/ARO Exam-2023 paper leak were utilized to facilitate the leakage of the UPPCRE-2023 question paper.

During the course of investigation, the ED identified properties valued at Rs. 1.02 Crore as Proceeds of Crime (POC) and attached the same vide a Provisional Attachment Order dated 06/08/2024, which was subsequently confirmed by the Hon'ble Adjudicating Authority (PMLA), New Delhi.

Further, during the investigation, two accused persons, namely Ravi Attri and Subhash Prakash, were taken into ED custody on 18.11.2024. Earlier, a Prosecution Complaint against seven accused persons, including both of them, was filed on 10.01.2025 before the Hon'ble Court, and cognizance has been taken. The case is currently under trial.

Further investigation is under progress.