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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office had filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) on 11.08.2025 seeking confiscation of properties worth Rs. 45.92 Lakh and conviction of the accused persons, Dr. Zakir Hussain Memorial Trust, Ms. Louise Khurshid W/o Salman Khurshid, and Mohammad Athar involved in the offence of Money Laundering related to misuse of government funds in the distribution of artificial limbs and equipment by the trust for their personal gains. The Hon'ble Special PMLA Court, Lucknow has taken cognizance of the PC on 25.11.2025.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of 17 FIRs registered by the Uttar Pradesh Police's Economic Offences Wing against Pratyush Shukla, a representative of Dr. Zakir Hussain Memorial Trust, and others. The Police have filed chargesheets in all 17 cases against Athar Farooqui alias Mohammed Athar, as the then Secretary of the Trust, and the then project Director, Ms. Louise Khurshid.

ED investigation revealed that the grant-in-aid of Rs. 71.50 Lakh received by the Trust was not used for holding camps as sanctioned by the Central Government. The funds were instead allegedly diverted by Pratyush Shukla, Mohammad Athar, and Ms. Louise Khurshid for the interest of the Trust and their personal gain.

ED had earlier provisionally attached 15 immovable properties worth Rs. 29.51 Lakh, in the form of agricultural land, in Farrukhabad, Uttar Pradesh, and Rs. 16.41 Lakh lying in the four bank accounts linked to the Trust.

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