



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has arrested Arun Saraf, Promoter of G D Mining Private Limited, in illegal Sand Mining case on **06.11.2025** under Section 19 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. He has been remanded to ED custody till **14.11.2025**.

ED initiated investigation based on various FIRs registered by West Bengal Police for theft and illegal sale of sand and transportation using forged road e-challans issued by G D Mining Pvt. Ltd. As per one of the FIRs, two sand-loaded trucks were found near Bhasra Bridge, which were transporting stolen sand using fake road e-challans. In these FIRs, the fake/forged road e-challans were found to be issued by G D Mining Pvt. Ltd. and the concerned vehicles as well as forged road e-challans were seized by Police Authorities.

ED investigation revealed that Arun Saraf, who used to take major decisions in his business activities had played a pivotal role in organizing the scam to a larger extent and earning huge income out of it.

Earlier, in this case, the searches were conducted by ED on 08.09.2025 at 16 premises in Kolkata and Jhargram. The searches resulted in seizure of Rs. 29 Lakh from the premises of G D Mining Pvt. Ltd. including certain incriminating documents and digital evidence. The details of various movable and immovable properties of searched entities were also gathered.

ED investigation revealed that forged/invalid challans were being used for illegal transportation of stolen sand from river/stock points. The accused persons/entities used to move the stolen sand illegally from the stock points that have been obtained through allotted or auctioned mines/stock points. Investigation has further revealed that illegal cash generated through aforesaid activities has been merged into the regular books of accounts by unexplained cash deposits. By adopting these fraudulent methods, accused persons/entities engaged in large-scale theft, illegal transportation and sale of sand and this has led to undue enrichment of various people.

It has also been revealed that this modus operandi is being used on a large scale. Further, the role of other persons, tracing of further Proceeds of Crime and their layering and placement is also under investigation.

Further investigation is under progress.