



Press Release

10.12.2024

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Gurugram Zonal Office has filed Prosecution Complaint (PC) on 16/09/2024 before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Ambala, Haryana against Surender Panwar, MLA, INC, Sonipat (Erstwhile Director and presently a Shareholder in M/s. Development Strategies India Private Limited) and others under the Prevention of Money-laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in a case related to illegal mining activities. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the present complaint on 09.12.2024. Surender Panwar was arrested on 20th July, 2024 in this case under the provisions of the PMLA, 2002. Earlier, Dilbag Singh, Ex-MLA and his aide Kulwinder Singh had also been arrested on 08.01.2024 in this case.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by Haryana Police under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Environment Protection Act, 1986 related to illegal mining activities of sand, Boulder-Gravel and Boulder-Gravel-Sand in District Yamuna Nagar related/relatable to the Scheduled Offences under the PMLA, 2002.

ED investigation revealed that the accused persons / entities are part of the mining syndicate in Yamuna Nagar which are involved in illegal mining activities. The syndicate through various entities, participated in the mining auction held by Mines and Geology Department, and collectively got around 10 mining licenses for different period of lease. Accordingly, mining blocks were allotted to the syndicate for excavation of sand, boulders & Gravels and Boulder-Gravel-Sand from the allocated areas as per the Mining Contracts executed between the Department of Mines & Geology and the respective mining entity. The syndicate was involved in illegal mining activities using various modus operandi such as excavating more than the permitted depth as per the mining contract, mining from unauthorized land areas, generating fake E-Rawanas for any random vehicle numbers which either do not exist or that of non-transport vehicles. These findings were also corroborated with independent survey by field expert in this matter. During investigation, on the basis of the material evidences, the accused, Surender Panwar and entities are found to be involved in the offence of money laundering which led to the acquisition, concealment and use of the Proceeds of Crime (POC) generated through illegal mining activities related to Scheduled offences under PMLA, 2002.

ED investigation further revealed that total POC generated through such illegal mining activities detected/found is more than Rs. 300 Crore. A Provisional Attachment Order of Rs. 121.70 Crore attaching 145 immovable properties has been issued in this case.

Further investigation is under progress.