

Directorate of Enforcement (ED) conducted search operations at the residential premises of Ajay Parmar [relative of former ED/ CBI judge Sudhir Parmar] on 15-06-2023 under Section 17 of PMLA, 2002 in the case of Judge Bribery.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of the FIR registered by ACB, Panchkula, Haryana. As per the FIR, reliable information was received that Sudhir Parmer (posted as Special Judge for CBI and ED cases at Panchkula at the material time) was showing favourism to the accused persons namely Roop Kumar Bansal, his brother Basant Bansal, the owners of M3M and Lalit Goyal, the owner of IREO Group in lieu of undue advantage extended by Sudhir Parmar in the criminal cases of ED under PMLA and other cases of CBI pending against the above accused persons in his court. It is alleged that undue benefit was provided to Sudhir Parmar through this relative Ajay Parmar. It was further stated that as per reliable information instances [as stated therein] of grave misconduct, abuse of official position and demand/ acceptance of undue advantage/ bribe from the accused persons in the cases pending in his court were observed.

Incriminating evidences were seized during the search. Thereafter, Ajay Parmar has been arrested on 16-06-2023 for offences of money laundering under PMLA. He was produced before the designated PMLA Court at Panchkula. The Hon'ble Court has granted custody till 20-06-2023 to ED.

ED had also arrested Basant Bansal and Pankaj Bansal [promoters/ directors of M3M Group] in connection with this case. The PMLA Court, Panchkula has granted custody to ED till 20-06-2023.

Further investigations are in progress.