



Press Release
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Enforcement Directorate has carried out search operation on 25.11.2021 in the cities of Ludhiana, Mohali, Chandigarh and Nawanshahr at the residential / business premises of Surinder Pal Singh @ Pehalwan and his associates under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. Surinder Pal Singh remained posted as Chief Engineer at various offices of Punjab Mandi Board and Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA). The residential premises of Gurdeep Singh Jujhar and main business premises of companies controlled by him namely M/s Jhujhar Construction & Travels Pvt. Ltd and M/s Fastway Transmission Pvt Ltd were also searched. During the searches, large number of incriminating documents, digital devices, Indian Currency worth Rs 10.30 lakhs and foreign currency equivalent to USD 4000 have been seized. A total of 05 lockers; and FDRs totaling to Rs 6.70 Crore have also been frozen by ED.

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR registered and Charge-sheet filed by Vigilance Bureau, Punjab against Surinder Pal Singh and others. In the FIR it was alleged that Surinder Pal Singh misused his official position and allotted multi-Crore projects to his favoured firms/companies, thereby ensuring illegal monetary gains for himself, his family members and to the companies/firms/entities to which the illegal favours were extended by him.

ED investigation further revealed that the modus operandi adopted by Surinder Pal Singh was to set up companies in the name of his family members and his close associates. He used bank accounts of these companies for depositing the illegal gratification received by him as bribes. These proceeds of crime were then circulated amongst the bank accounts of these companies in an attempt to launder the same. It was also found that certain part of Proceeds of Crime from the companies owned and controlled by Surinder Pal Singh and/or his family members had also flown towards Gurdeep Singh Jujhar (owner of Jhujhar Transport group and Fastway group) and his companies.

Further Investigation is under progress.