



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has conducted search operations under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 on 04.12.2024 at 20 premises located in the cities of Faridabad, Sonapat, Yamunanagar, Karnal, Chandigarh and Mohali in relation to a case of large-scale illegal mining of sand, boulder & gravels prevalent in Yamuna Nagar & adjacent Districts of Haryana by Dilbag Singh, Ex MLA and Surender Panwar, MLA & their associates.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by Haryana Police under various section of IPC, 1860 against several persons and their associated entities related to illegal mining in the area by the various firms. Hon'ble National Green Tribunal has also passed various orders in this regard for illegal mining.

ED investigation revealed the act of illegal excavation and sale of minerals (boulder, gravel and sand) done by numerous screening plant owners and stone crushers of Yamunanagar District. This was done through illegal transportation of the mined minerals without generating the requisite e-Rawana bills from the Mining Department portal, or by production of fake physical copies of the e-Rawana bills upon inspection, and other modus operandi to evade authorities.

During the search operations, INR amounting to Rs. 5.29 Crore, Gold valued around Rs. 1.89 Crore, 02 vehicles, various electronic devices, documents related to investment in India & abroad and various other documents of incriminating nature have been seized. Additionally, 05 illegal firearms, numerous cartridges & rounds of ammunition and 138 bottles of liquor (quantity beyond permissible legal limits) were also recovered from the premises of Dilbag Singh and FIR has been filed by Haryana Police.

Further, ED has arrested Dilbag Singh Ex-MLA and his aide Kulwinder Singh on 08/01/2024 under the provisions of the PMLA, 2002 in relation to their involvement in the aforementioned offence & produced before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), on 09.01.2024, which has granted one week ED custody.

Further investigation is under progress.