



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) Jalandhar has taken four days custody of Balwant Singh, Director of Tara Corporation Limited and Tara Health Food Limited on 05.10.2024 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in a bank fraud case of Rs. 40.92 Crore. ED has taken the accused in custody in pursuance of order passed by the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA) on petition filed by ED in this regard.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by ACB, CBI, Chandigarh under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

ED investigation revealed that loan amount had been diverted to various bogus firms from Tara Corporation Limited. Thereafter, loan amount was further diverted and integrated into Tara Health Food Limited (M/s THFL) and another sister concern by name M/s Tara Sales Limited. The amounts received into Tara Health Food Limited had been used for the purposes other than for which loan was availed. Amounts to the extent of Rs. 3.12 Crore had been diverted to the personal accounts of another Director Jaswant Singh besides Rs. 33.99 Crore to M/s THFL. ED investigation has further revealed that Balwant Singh is the key conspirator in entire bank fraud and he has diverted loan amount through web of shell entities, thereby layering and laundering of Proceeds of Crime.

Earlier, ED had carried out search operations at the business and residential premises of Jaswant Singh and his associates on 08.09.2022. During the course of search, various incriminating evidences were recovered and seized. Further, Jaswant Singh Gajjanmajra was arrested in the matter on 06.11.2023 and presently he is in judicial custody.

Further investigation is under progress.