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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bhubaneswar Zonal Office has filed Prosecution Complaint (PC) on 16.07.2024 before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Khorda, Bhubaneswar against Anand Kumar Agarwal, Basant Kumar Das and others under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in a illegal mining case. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the PC on 16.07.2024.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR and Charge-sheet filed by Vigilance Department, Odisha Police on the allegation of illegal mining to the tune of Rs. 21.60 Crore during the period from 2005-2009 by Basanta Kumar Das & his associates.

Earlier, ED had arrested one Anand Kumar Agarwal, Director of M/s Siddharth Sponge & Power Pvt. Ltd. (on 18.05.2024) who was allegedly involved in the illegal mining in connivance with Basanta Kumar Das and Pratap Kumar Das, Director of M/s Jai Jagannath Mover Pvt. Ltd. from Kasiabeda Iron Ore Mines, Badampahar, Mayurbhanj, Odisha and subsequent laundering of the sale proceeds.