



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has arrested Chandra Shekhar under the provisions of PMLA 2002 on 21.08.2023 in a case of embezzlement of funds of NHAI and Haryana State Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (HSIIDC).

ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR registered by State Vigilance Bureau, Haryana and CBI, New Delhi under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 for criminal conspiracy, cheating, forgery and criminal misconduct of public servant.

ED investigation revealed that Chandra Shekhar, in connivance with the then District Revenue Officer- CUM-Land Acquisition Collector & Competent Authority Land Acquisition (DRO-cum-LAC & CALA), Panchkula and others, played an active role in fraudulent transfer of NHAI and HSIIDC funds meant for acquisition of lands to ineligible persons causing wrongful loss to the exchequer of Rs. 38 Crore approximately.

ED investigation further revealed that these funds, which are proceeds of crime, were further routed to different bank accounts, later withdrawn in cash and invested in purchase of various properties. During ED investigation, Chandra Shekhar was non-co-operative and resorted to withholding of relevant information and misleading the investigation. Subsequently he was arrested under PMLA 2002 on 21/08/2023 and produced before Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA) on 22.08.2023 which has granted ED custody for 7 days.

Earlier, Naresh Kumar Sheokand the then DRO-cum-LAC & CALA, Panchkula was arrested by ED on 24.07.2023 who is in judicial custody at present. Further, properties worth Rs. 2.56 Crore has been attached in this case.

Further investigation is under progress.
