



**PRESS RELEASE**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jaipur Zonal Office has arrested Mahesh Mittal on 19.06.2024 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the **Jal Jeevan Mission Scam (JJM)**. Mahesh Mittal has been produced before the Hon'ble Special Trial Court (PMLA) on 19.06.2024 and the Hon'ble Court has granted 5 days ED custody till 24.06.2024.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the ACB, Jaipur under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, wherein it was stated that Mahesh Mittal (Proprietor: M/s. Shri Ganpati Tubewell Company) and others were involved in giving bribe to public servants in order to obtain illegal protection, obtaining tenders, getting bills sanctioned and covering up irregularities in works executed by them in respect of various tenders received by them from Public Health and Engineering Department (PHED). The accused was also involved in the purchase of stolen goods from Haryana for using the same in their tenders/contracts.

ED investigation revealed that the accused contractor i.e. Mahesh Mittal was involved in securing tenders pertaining to JJM works based on purported fake and fabricated work completion certificates issued by M/s IRCON by bribing senior PHED officials.

ED investigation further revealed that Mahesh Mittal is one of the main accused and is in receipt of Proceeds of Crime in his firm. Thereafter, the same was laundered and layered through various bank accounts held in his name, entities in the name of his family members, which was further siphoned off by investment in immovable and movable properties.

It is pertinent to mention that the ED has conducted several searches in this case leading to seizure of Rs. 11.03 Crore, till date. Further, the ED had also arrested Peeyush Jain on 29.02.2024 and Padamchand Jain on 13.06.2024 in the same matter.

Further investigation is under progress.

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