



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Hqrs Office has arrested Vedpal Singh Tanwar under the provisions of Prevention of Money-laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 on 30.05.2024 in connection with **illegal mining in Dadam area of Haryana.**

ED initiated investigation on the basis of the Prosecution Complaint filed by the Regional Officer, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, Bhiwani before the Hon'ble Special Environment Court, Kurukshetra against the Firm M/s. Govardhan Mines and Minerals for violating the conditions of Environment Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and subsequent an FIR was registered by Haryana Police under various section of IPC, 1860.

ED investigation revealed that the Firm has been involved in large scale illegal and unscientific mining in the Dadam area of Haryana. It had led to large scale damage to the Environment and huge loss to the exchequer. It is worth mentioning here that rampant illegal mining in the area led to killing 5 persons due to landslides.

Earlier, a search and seizure was conducted in the case on 03.08.2023 wherein large scale unaccounted cash documents, jewellery of Rs. 3.7 Crore, cash of Rs. 26.45 Lakh and a Mercedes car worth Rs. 1 Crore were seized. During the search, it was found that Vedpal Singh Tanwar is the key managerial person who not only acquired mining rights illegally but also led to illegal and unscientific mining beyond permissible limits. ED investigation further revealed that Vedpal Singh Tanwar gained to the tune of Rs. 37 Crore from the said illegal mining. He invested these gains, which are Proceeds of Crime (PoC), in movable and immovable properties. Vedpal Singh Tanwar suppressed the facts and misled the investigation being conducted by the ED. In order to establish the money trail and other persons involved in the illegal mining activities, Vedpal Singh Tanwar was arrested and was produced before the Hon'ble District Court, Saket, Delhi which granted 7 days custody to ED till 06.06.2024.

Further investigation is under progress.