



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jalandhar Zonal office has provisionally attached immovable property worth Rs. 53.64 Lakh on 24/7/2025 belonging to Sukhwinder Singh, the then Range Forest Officer, Budhladha Forest Range in connection with money laundering investigation related to forest scam.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of two FIRs registered by Vigilance Bureau, Flying Squad – I, Mohali, Punjab under various sections of the IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 1988.

ED investigation revealed that Sukhwinder Singh, Range Forest Officer procured bills of various non-existent entities and transferred funds to bank account of various private persons and later on received it in cash from those persons. Through these criminal activities he acquired Proceeds of Crime (POC) to the tune of Rs. 53.64 Lakh.

Earlier, Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, the then Forest Minister, Govt of Punjab was arrested in this case under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and Prosecution Complaint was filed against him in the Court of Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Mohali and charges have already been framed in this case.

Further investigation is under progress.