



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Headquarters Office has filed the Prosecution Complaint (PC) in the matter of **illegal mining case pertaining to Beas River, Himachal Pradesh** and Yamuna River, Saharanpur (UP). Gian Chand and other 7 persons have been arraigned as accused in the Prosecution Complaint filed before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Ghaziabad. The Hon'ble Court has also taken the cognizance of the Prosecution Complaint filed by ED on 17.01.2025.

The case was initiated on the basis of formal complaints and intelligence inputs alleging illegal sand and mineral mining operations on the river bed of the Beas river by several mining mafias including Gian Chand and Proceeds of Crime (POC) to the tune of hundreds of Crore have been generated through these illegal mining operations. ED initiated investigation on the basis of Six FIRs registered by different Police Stations in the districts of Kangra and Una in Himachal Pradesh relating to illegal mining. As per the FIRs, it has been alleged that illegal mining activities are taking place on government land and tippers, poclains, JCBs and tractors are actively engaged in illegal mining in Una & Kangra Districts of Himachal Pradesh. These vehicles were involved in illegally extracting minerals and consequently unlawfully transporting these minerals to stone crushers by overloaded vehicles. Another FIR dated 01.11.2024 has also been registered by Behat Police Station, Saharanpur against Gian Chand and others under sections of IPC, 1860, Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984 and Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 (as amended). In order to conduct the comprehensive investigation, another FIR of UP Police has also been taken into the ambit of investigation in this case.

Earlier, ED had arrested Gian Chand and his accomplice Sanjay Kumar @ Sanjay Dhiman on 18.11.2024. Further investigation by ED has also resulted into the attachment of property to the tune of Rs. 4.9 Crore (approx.) on 03.01.2025.

During the course of investigation, 12 searches have been conducted on the premises of several mining mafias including Gian Chand & his associates in Himachal Pradesh and Saharanpur and statements of several persons have been recorded. On scrutiny of incriminating material seized, it is found that Gian Chand and his associates are involved in illegal mining operations ranging from Beas River to Yamuna River. POC generated from the illegal mining have been used in purchasing immovable properties and mining machineries like trucks, tippers, JCBs, crushers etc.

Further investigation is under progress.