



Enforcement Directorate

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Directorate of Enforcement has arrested Shri Gurupada Maji in the case related to illegal coal mining under section 19(1) of the PMLA, 2002 on 26/5/2022. He was produced before Honorable Rouse Avenue court (Delhi) today & the honorable court has granted 7 days ED custody. He is one of the partners of Shri Anup Majee (Kingpin of illegal coal mining business activities in West Bengal) and has received more than Rs. 66 Crore from the Proceed of Crime (PoC) generated through illegal coal mining business from Shri Anup Majee@Lala and his associates. Further, he had provided Rs.26 Crore (Approx.) in cash to a Kolkata based CA for arranging shell companies for the purpose of taking accommodation entries. In this process, Shri Gurupada Maji had acquired 13 shell companies with the help of the said Kolkata based CA. The net worth of these 13 shell companies is more than Rs 28 Crore but he acquired these companies after paying only Rs.88 Lakh on paper to respective shareholders, thereby managing to bring the huge illegally generated cash in financial system.

This is 3rd arrest in this case. Earlier two accused persons namely Shri Vikas Mishra and Shri Ashok Kumar Mishra (Inspector-in-Charge of West Bengal Police) had been arrested on 16/03/2021 and 03/04/2021 respectively. In this matter one Prosecution Complaint has also been filed on 13/05/2021 against Vikas Mishra and Ashok Kumar Mishra and Hon'ble Court was pleased to take the cognizance of the said Prosecution Complaint on 28/07/2021.

This case was initiated by ED on the basis of FIR dated 27/11/2020 of CBI against Shri Amit Kumar Dhar, the then GM, Kunustoria Area, ECL (Eastern Coalfield Ltd), Shri Jayesh Chandra Rai, General Manager, ECL, Kajora Area, Shri Tanmay Das, Chief of Security, ECL, Asansol, Shri Dhananjay Rai, Area Security Inspector, Kunustoris, ECL, Shri Debashish Mukherjee, Security In-charge, Kajora Area, ECL, Shri AnupMajee @ Lala and unknown officials of ECL, CISF, Railway, other department and unknown private persons for alleged commission of a cognizable offence u/s 120B, 409 of the IPC and section 13(2) r/w section 13(1) (a) of the P.C. Act,1988. Total proceeds of crime is Rs.1352 Cr in this case.

During the course of investigation in this case, more than 35 searches u/s 17 of the PMLA have been conducted and properties worth more than Rs. 180 Crore have been attached.