

## 22/2/2024

Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has arrested Surender @ Chiku, a gangster and close ally of Laurence Bishnoi and Khalistani Terror Groups on 21/02/2024 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The Hon'ble Special Court, Panchkula has granted 05 days ED custody of the accused Surender @ Chiku.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by Haryana Police for kidnapping, murder, extortion against Surender @ Chiku & others. NIA has also registered case against him.

ED investigation revealed that Surender@ Chiku has direct relations with Laurence Bishnoi gang and Khalistani terror groups. Surender @ Chiku invested proceeds of crime generated in mining, liquor and toll businesses through his allies.

ED investigation further revealed that Satish Kumar and Vikash Kumar are directors of M/s. MDR Enterprises Private Limited which is a private company incorporated on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020. It is involved in Mining and quarrying. Further Satish Kumar and Vikash Kumar were directors from 21.08.2019 to 15.11.2021 of M/s. Nimawat Granites Private Limited which is a private company incorporated on 05 July 2012. It is involved in Quarrying of stone, sand and clay. Surender @ Chiku has invested his illegally earned money through the abovementioned companies, thereby laundering the proceeds of crime.

Earlier on 05.12.2023, ED had conducted searches on 13 premises located in Haryana and Rajasthan on the premises related to Surender @ Chiku and his close allies. During searches, various electronic devices, incriminating documents, cash ledgers, property papers and cash of Rs. 05 lakh were found and seized. Further, about 60 bank accounts have been traced as a result of search action. During searches, it was observed that the gang has entered into various *byanamas* or agreements to sell without a registered deed and the properties were taken possession of and used by the gang members. Documents of about 15 such properties were found and frozen under PMLA, 2002.

Further investigation is under progress.