



**Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) against Gurinder Singh and nine officers of the Irrigation Department of Punjab and four private persons under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, on 14/12/2023, before the Hon'ble Special Court, PMLA, Mohali. The Hon'ble Court has taken cognizance of the PC on 14/12/2023.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR and various challans filed by the Vigilance Bureau, Punjab under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. It was alleged that various Detailed Notice Inviting Tenders (DNITs) for certain irrigation project works in Punjab were tailor-made, keeping in view of the eligibility conditions of Gurinder Singh Contractor. Besides, various other irregularities were also noticed in relation to the allotment and execution of such project works in favour of Gurinder Singh Contractor, which resulted in a huge loss to the government exchequer.

In this connection, during the course of the investigation, ED initially identified and attached movable properties in the form of bank balances totaling Rs. 41.50 Crore (approx.) as proceeds of crime beneficially owned by Gurinder Singh. Further investigation conducted by ED also revealed that the proceeds of crime so acquired and obtained by Gurinder Singh were also available in the form of various immovable properties. Accordingly, another provisional attachment order was issued to the tune of Rs. 70.15 Crore. Thus, the total POC identified and attached in this case stands at (approx.) Rs 112 Crore.

Further investigation is under progress.