



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Gurugram Zonal Office has arrested Surender Panwar, MLA of Sonipat on 20/07/2024 in the case of illegal mining case under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The syndicate of illegal mining in Yamuna Nagar area is controlled, managed and run by Surender Panwar, MLA, Dilbag Singh, Ex MLA and their family members, and other key associates. Surender Panwar was produced before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Ambala (Haryana) and the Hon'ble Court has granted ED custody for 9 days.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by Haryana Police under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Environment Protection Act, 1986 related to illegal mining of sand, Boulder-Gravel and Boulder-Gravel-Sand in District Yamuna Nagar against various mining lease holder companies namely M/s Mubarikpur Royalty Company, M/s Development Strategies (India) Pvt Ltd, M/s Delhi Royalty Company, M/s JSM Foods Pvt Ltd and M/s PS Buildtech, and also against various Screening Plants & Stone Crushers and associated persons.

ED investigation revealed that Surender Panwar and his family members are major shareholders in M/s Development Strategies (India) Pvt Ltd. involved in illegal mining & part of the mining syndicate. Earlier, the Hon'ble NGT also imposed a huge penalty on M/s Development Strategies (India) Pvt Ltd of Rs. 2.5 Crore, Delhi Royalty Company of Rs. 4.2 Crore and Mubarikpur Royalty Company for Rs. 12 Crore for violating the environmental norms including illegal mining, diversion of river flow, etc. ED investigation has so far revealed that the total Proceeds of Crime (PoC) generated out of this illegal mining activities in this case is estimated to be more than Rs. 500 Crore.

Earlier, ED had conducted search operations, under the provisions of PMLA, 2002 at the premises of Surender Panwar, Dilbag Singh, Angad Makkar etc. and consequently Dilbag Singh, Ex-MLA and his aide Kulwinder Singh were arrested on 08.01.2024.

Further investigation is under progress.