

## CASE STUDY

### DFO NOOR UL HAQ OF FOREST DEPTT. ACCUMULATES HUGE PROPERTY THROUGH ILLEGAL MEANS

### NOOR UL HAQ, DFO FOREST DEPARTMENT SENTENCED FOR 5 YEARS OF R.I. AND FINE OF RS.17.86 MILLION

1. The case of Noor ul Haq is another example of corruption committed by Forest Mafia in Forest Deptt. The accused Noor ul Haq as holder of public office misused his authority for multiplying his personal assets through corruption and caused loss to the national exchequer.
2. Investigations reveal that the accused belonged to a family of average financial fortunes. He joined Forest Department as DFO in BS-17 in 1983. During the course of his service, he remained at various lucrative posts and through corruption accumulated huge property both moveable and immovable to the tune of Rs.41.99 million disproportionate to the known sources of his income and the income of his family. The accused used all his talents towards personal economic gains through purchase of shares in the name of his family members, besides buying land/plots for construction of flour mills. He constituted a board of directors to run his illegally amassed family business and declared his illiterate wife as its chief executive with 34 % shares. Governed by his zeal for establishing farmhouses, the accused set up a dairy farm in 1991 with a large number of livestock and a veterinary doctor to take care of their health. Additionally, he set up another fish farm in Mardan. Its annual proceeds were calculated to be Rs. 45,000.00 per annum since 1997 onwards.
3. As per available taxation record in Mardan district, the accused and his wife never filed any income tax/wealth tax return till date.
4. The accused amassed the above-mentioned assets through corruption and corrupt practices. He finally has been sentenced to 5 years of R.I. with a fine of Rs. 17.086 million which is to be paid within a period of one month failing which his assets shall stand forfeited to the state.

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