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Illegal mining: HC declines to quash case against ex-official's son

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The High Court of Karnataka has declined to quash criminal proceedings against Gagan Baderia, son of former IAS officer Gangaram Baderia, for allegedly receiving \$20 lakh from persons connected with a company accused of illegal mining and transporting iron ore.

Justice H.P. Sandesh said that whether transactions were for other private purposes related to music business of Mr. Gagan Baderia or not had to be established in a full-fledged trial as "there is a direct evidence with regard to transfer of money to the tune of ₹20 lakh in ₹10



lakh each through cheques".
Mr. Gagan, a music director, has been arraigned as an accused in the case of illegal mining and illegal export of ore by M/s Janthakal Mining Company Ltd owned by one Vinod Kumar Goel, who is

Vinod Kumar Goel, who is the main accused along with Mr. Gangaram Baderia in the

The charge sheet filed by

Special Investigation Team of Lokayukta had alleged that ₹20 lakh was paid to Mr. Ganga Baderia from the cheques of M/s 21st Century Wire Rods Ltd., of which Mr. Vinod Kumar Goel and his son Gaurav Goel were directors. The money transaction had allegedly occurred days before Mr. Gangaram Baderia cleared files of M/s Janthakal Mining Co. Ltd.

On Mr. Gagan's contention that proceedings against him cannot be continued as the government has not granted sanction for prosecution of his father, the court said that cannot be ground to quash criminal case against him.