



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has conducted search operations under PMLA, 2002 at various locations in state of Punjab and Rajasthan on 31.10.2023 in illegal drug trade case. A total of 25 residential and commercial premises belonging to Akshay Kumar Chhabra and other associates were searched at Ludhiana, Mohali, Chandigarh, Amritsar, Jalandhar (Punjab) and Ganganagar, Rajasthan. During the search, cash of more than Rs 4.5 Crore, mobile phones, laptops, documents related to money trail and property transactions were recovered and seized.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of case registered by NCB against Akshay Kumar Chhabra and associates under various provisions of NDPS Act, 1985. During the investigation it was found that 20.326 kg heroine was recovered by NCB from Akshay Kumar Chhabra and other associates.

ED investigation revealed that Akshay Chhabra along with his associates were involved in the manufacturing and sale of illicit drugs. They used to process smuggled morphine/raw heroin through two Afghanistan nationals and distributed this processed heroin to various drug dealers. Investigation revealed that Akshay Kumar Chhabra generated huge proceeds out of the said illegal drug trade. The said proceeds were found to be transferred abroad to foreign based raw heroin / morphine suppliers through Hawala Channels, utilised by Akshay Kumar Chhabra for purchasing various movable/ immovable properties in his name and in the name of his accomplices, infused in their related entities by way of handing over proceeds of crime in cash to the handler of shell entities and raising fake sales invoices to shell entities and thereby receiving credits from shell entities.

Further investigation is under progress.