



## **Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Chandigarh has attached movable properties worth Rs. 6.50 Lakh of Kulbir Singh Sawhney prop. Arvindra Electricals under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the case of Tarlochan Singh & others.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Vigilance Bureau Bhatinda against the officials of Bhatinda Development Authority and the contractors Bhushan Kumar Thukral, Pawan Kumar Singhal and Kulbir Singh Sawhney in connection with work of installation of LED Street lights in the three Mandis viz. Maur Mandi, Mansa Mandi and Budhlada Mandi by the said three contractors.

ED investigation revealed that the contract for the work of installing LED street lights in Maur Mandi Group-1 was awarded to the contractor Bhushan Kumar Thukral, Maur Mandi Group 2 & 3 and Mansa Mandi Group 1 to 5 was awarded to the contractor Pawan Kumar Singhal and Bhudlada Mandi was awarded to the contractor Kulbir Singh Sawhney. The contractors in connivance with the officials of Bhatinda Development Authority installed the LED street lights other than of the approved specification and of sub-standard quality. Further, some of the equipments falsely claimed as installed by the contractors were not found on site. All this caused a loss to the tune of Rs.8.02 Crore (approx) to the government exchequer.

During course of PMLA investigation, movable property worth Rs.6.50 Lakh has been traced and attached in the name of Kulbir Singh Sawhney prop. Arvindra Electricals.

Further investigation is under progress.