



Press Release

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ED Files Prosecution Complaint under PMLA in Seizure of 584 Kgs of Heroin at Attari

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jalandhar Zonal Office, has filed a Prosecution Complaint under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, before the Hon'ble Special Court for PMLA at Mohali, on 23.03.2026 against 18 accused entities and individuals including Pakistani and Afghan nationals in the matter of Seizure of 584 Kgs of Heroin at Attari Check Point, Amritsar.

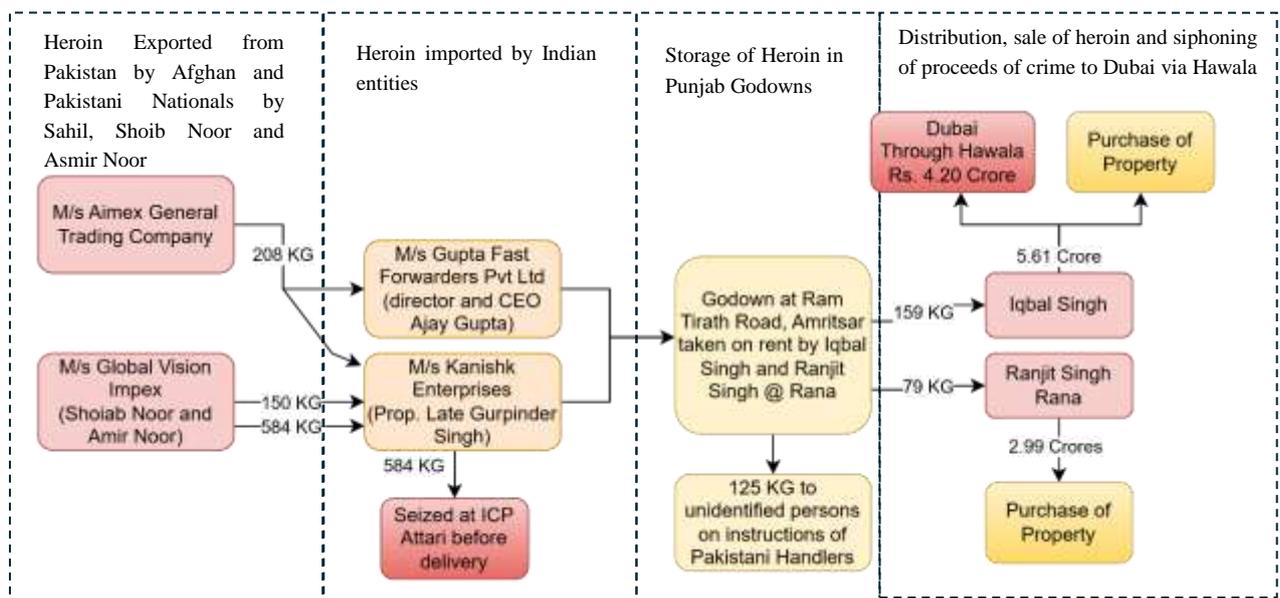
ED initiated money-laundering investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by Punjab Police and NIA under various sections of the IPC, 1860, Arms Act, 1959, The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and the Official Secrets Act, 2023.

ED investigation revealed that 890 kg of heroin and 52 kg of mixed narcotics, were smuggled from **Pakistan** through the Land Customs Station at Attari, Amritsar, by concealing within imported bags of light pink rock salt. **Sahil, Shoiab Noor, Amir Noor (conspirators from Pakistan and Afghanistan)** exported these concealed drugs and specific bags containing the narcotics were marked with a cross symbol or designated numbers. To disguise the narcotics shipments as legitimate international trade, the suppliers from Pakistan and Afghanistan routed funds into India via illicit hawala channels. Their associate collected these hawala funds from local operators, deposited them into his own bank accounts and subsequently transferred the same to the accounts of Indian entities, which were used to pay off Indian Customs duties, port charges and formally remit payments back to Pakistani exporters, thereby successfully disguising the movement of narcotics as legal business activity. After clearance, consignments were stored in temporary godowns and subsequently transported to a final distribution godown, where habitual narcotics dealers Ranjit Singh @ Rana and Iqbal Singh received the drugs for further distribution and sold these drugs further and generated Proceeds of Crime.

Investigation revealed that the seized consignment (of 532 kg heroin and 52 kg mixed narcotics) was 6th consignment sent by Pakistani Smugglers. Earlier, 5 more consignments were received, totalling to 358 KG and were sold by the accused persons, generating Proceeds of Crime to the tune of Rs. 8.60 Crore as part of their commission while also remitting Proceeds of Crime to Dubai through hawla operators.

Ranjit Singh @ Rana and Iqbal Singh generated the Proceeds of Crime in cash through illicit sale of smuggled drugs and laundered these funds by parking them in immovable assets to conceal their tainted origins. Ranjit Rana and his brother Sarwan Singh utilized the formal banking system to layer the illicit cash by depositing massive sums into various bank accounts. These funds were then systematically routed via complex cheque transfers to obscure their origin before being used to acquire multiple properties. To distance himself from the illicit wealth, the properties were purchased by Ranjit Singh @ Rana in the names of his family members, including his mother, brother and other third-party benamidars. Majority of the sale considerations paid by him were entirely in cash derived from the drug trade. Iqbal Singh used **illicit hawala channels** for the international placement and layering of his share of the drug proceeds **and sent the Proceeds of Crime of over Rs. 4.20 Crore to Dubai** via a hawala operator during April 2019. Iqbal Singh also utilized the Proceeds of Crime in purchase of immovable properties in the form of agricultural land in his own name.

The scheme of import, sale of heroin and siphoning of Proceeds of Crime is explained in the below mentioned flow chart:



Earlier, immovable properties valued at Rs. 1.93 Crore (approx.) purchased in the names of Ranjit Singh @ Rana’s family members and benamidars were Provisionally Attached vide PAO dated 11.10.2024. Further, another Provisional Attachment Order dated 21.03.2026 was issued attaching additional properties valued at Rs. 1.68 Crore (approx.) in the names of Ranjit Singh @ Rana’s family members and benamidars and Iqbal Singh. So far, total attachment of Proceeds of Crime in the case stands at Rs. 3.61 Crore (approx.).

Further investigation is under progress.