



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office has secured conviction of accused Shahid, Harswaroop and Brij Kishore @ Birju for the offence of Money Laundering under Section 3, punishable under Section 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Lucknow, vide judgment dated 28.09.2026 and order on sentence dated 05.10.2026, convicted the accused and sentenced them to Rigorous Imprisonment for 4 years each along with a fine of ₹50,000/- each.

Separately, co-accused Deepak Rana, whose case was separated after he admitted his guilt before the Court, was convicted vide judgment dated 09.09.2026 in Session Case No. 1398/2026 and was sentenced to Rigorous Imprisonment for 4 years along with a fine of ₹50,000/-. Thus, all the four accused i.e. Deepak Rana, Shahid, Harswaroop and Brij Kishore @ Birju have been convicted in the PMLA case.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of a case registered by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Lucknow, relating to the interception of a truck carrying 237.40 Kg of Ganja, valued at approximately ₹14.24 lakh, which was seized as narcotic contraband. The accused persons were subsequently convicted for the scheduled offence under the provisions of the NDPS Act. The DRI had earlier filed a complaint in respect of the seizure and transportation of the contraband.

ED investigation has revealed that the accused persons were involved in the concealment and possession transportation of the proceeds of crime generated from illicit trafficking of narcotic substances. The investigation established their involvement in the process connected with the proceeds of crime, thereby attracting the provisions of the PMLA, 2002.

The conviction strengthens ED's commitment to detect, disrupt and dismantle the financial networks sustaining the drug menace, by targeting not only narcotics-related offences but also the proceeds generated from such criminal activities, thereby striking at the economic foundations of illicit drug trafficking.