



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Shimla Sub Zonal Office, has provisionally attached 02 immovable properties to the tune of **Rs. 2.58 Crore** on 02.12.2025 under the provisions of the **Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA)** in connection with the ongoing investigation related to the offence of bribery, corruption, forgery and disproportionate assets against Nishant Sareen, Assistant Drug Controller, Government of Himachal Pradesh, and his associate, Komal Khanna. The 02 attached properties include a residential flat in Sector-20, Panchkula, Haryana and a residential building in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of a FIR registered by State Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau (SV&ACB), Himachal Pradesh Police under section 11 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, against Nishant Sareen, then Assistant Drug Controller (ADC), Baddi. Subsequently, Nishant Sareen was arrested by SV&ACB, HP Police and a chargesheet was filed in 2021 against him and his associate Komal Khanna in the said matter.

Further, one more FIR was registered against Nishant Sareen, Komal Khanna and others by Haryana Police in the year 2022 in a case related to alleged extortion, threat/intimidation and forgery of partnership deed of Zhenia Pharmaceuticals, Panchkula wherein Komal Khanna's share was increased from 50% to 95% indicating misuse of official position of Nishant Sareen.

Subsequently, another FIR No. 08/2025 dated 23.09.2025 relating to a case of disproportionate assets was registered against Nishant Sareen by SV&ACB, Himachal Pradesh Police for the commission of offences under section 13 of the Prevention of the corruption Act, 1988. The said FIR alleges that Nishant Sareen has acquired disproportionate assets to the tune of Rs. 1,66,05,470/- while being posted as drug inspector / Assistant Drug Controller in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

ED investigation revealed that Nishant Sareen, while posted as Drug Inspector/Assistant Drug Controller at various locations including inter-alia, Nahan, Baddi, Solan misused his official position to obtain illegal gratification from pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. Further, it was also revealed that under the threat/intimidation of Nishant Sareen, many pharmaceutical companies were coerced into doing business at significant losses with Zhenia Pharmaceuticals, Panchkula and Nia Pharma, Panchkula, both of which were entities controlled and managed by Komal Khanna. The Proceeds of Crime so generated by Nishant Sareen and Komal Khanna were then channelled into acquisition of personal assets, bank deposits, and immovable properties held in the name of Komal Khanna and family members of Nishant Sareen.

Earlier, in the month of June 2025, ED had also conducted search operations in the matter and seized incriminating records as well as movable properties in the form of jewellery/vehicles etc. and frozen bank balances totalling to **Rs. 3.20 Crore approx.** Hence, the total attachment/seizure in this case stands at **Rs. 5.78 Crore** till date. Further, Nishant Sareen being guilty of the offence of money laundering was arrested by ED on 09.10.2025 and he is presently in judicial custody.

Further investigation is under progress.