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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Headquarters Office, has arrested **Baneet Singh Talwar s/o Late Harminder Singh** on 23.10.2026 under provisions of the Prevention of Money-Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with in large-scale smuggling of narcotics, concealed in semi processed talc, alongside linked narcotics seizures across Delhi, Punjab, and Haryana. Accused Baneet Singh Talwar was produced before the Ld. Special Judge (PMLA), Tis Hazari Courts (West District), New Delhi, on 23.10.2026, wherein the Hon'ble Court was pleased to remand the accused to 05 days of ED Custody.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of FIR registered by National Investigation Agency (NIA) under the provisions of UAPA, 1967, NDPS Act, 1985 and IPC, 1860 against Harpreet Singh Talwar and others for the drug smuggling activities.

Earlier NIA had filed six chargesheets in the case wherein NIA had charged multiple accused for conspiring with international drug smuggling syndicate based out of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Dubai, operating under the mastermind Vitaysh Koser @ Raju Dubai, a wanted accused, along with Pakistani ISI agents and Afghan nationals. Investigation has also revealed that Proceeds to the tune of Rs. 76 Crore generated from illegal sale of narcotic drugs have been transferred via hawala to Afghanistan and used for funding terrorist activities.

Financial investigation conducted by the ED till date has revealed generation of Proceeds of Crime (PoC) totaling Rs. 89 Crore, through contraband smuggling, Drug sale proceeds siphoned to Afghanistan through hawala and the goods received in kind. Further investigation is under progress to identify additional Proceeds of Crime generated in this process.

Baneet Singh Talwar is the brother of Harpreet Singh Talwar who along with mastermind Raju Dubai facilitated smuggling of Narcotics into India. Investigation has revealed that Baneet Singh Talwar continued to manage and operate business entities under the beneficial control of Harpreet Singh Talwar even after the latter was arrested in NIA case.

Baneet Singh provided funds of more than Rs. 55 lakhs to M/s Magent India, an entity controlled by Harpreet Singh Talwar and involved in narcotics smuggling. Financial analysis revealed multiple instances of round-tripping of funds, wherein Harpreet Singh Talwar infused proceeds of crime into various business entities, which in turn reached Baneet Singh Talwar through multiple layers of transactions. The transactions involved matching and mirror entries across different entities, indicating a structured flow of funds.

Baneet Singh also used cash deposits to finance the purchase of vehicles in the names of benami entities, which have been seized earlier by the ED. Further, Baneet Singh Talwar had also parked proceeds received from Harpreet Singh Talwar to acquire immovable properties, the benefits of which continue to be enjoyed by Harpreet Singh Talwar and family.

The above arrest action by ED is part of the **'Whole of the Government'** approach to break the drug smuggling racket and the nexus involved in drug smuggling, money laundering and hawala transactions. ED is committed to upholding national security and the integrity of India's economic fabric.

Further investigation is under progress.