



PRESS RELEASE

10/06/2023

The Special Session Court (PMLA, 2002)/Special Court, CBI-3, Jaipur Metropolitan-I, designated Special Court for PMLA, Jaipur vide order dated 08.06.2023 convicted accused Rahul Bhardwaj and Mukesh Kumar Bhardwaj for the offence committed under PMLA, 2002 and vide order dated 09.06.2023 sentenced them to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment for four years and imposed a fine of Rs. 1,00,000/- on each accused in the Prosecution Case. The Hon`ble Court also ordered confiscation of all the Properties worth Rs. 1,55,00,145/- attached by ED under PMLA, 2002.

In the instant case, DRI conducted search at the residential premises of Rahul Bhardwaj and Mukesh Kumar Bhardwaj and recovered 100.642 kg of Ketamine, a psychotropic substance, Rs. 70.50 lakhs in cash, two cars and other misc. incriminating records/electronics equipments. After investigation in the matter, a Complaint has been filed by DRI on 05.02.2013 before the Special Court for NDPS Case, Jaipur against Rahul Bhardwaj and Mukesh Kumar Bhardwaj.

Further, on the basis of complaint, ED, Jaipur recorded a money laundering case on 14.3.2013 under the provisions of PMLA, 2002.

PMLA investigation revealed that accused Rahul Bhardwaj and Mukesh Bhardwaj had indulged in exporting drugs/psychotropic substances primarily Ketamine mostly to USA through post parcel by mis-declaring same as "documents" and various ID's were used by accused for receiving the overseas payments sent by the overseas buyers of Ketamine through Western Union and Money Gram.

During investigation, Properties to the tune of Rs. 1,55,00,145/- had been attached by the ED under the provisions of PMLA, 2002 and the same had been confirmed by the Ld. Adjudicating Authority (PMLA), New Delhi.

Further, after investigation a Prosecution Complaint had been filed on 30.03.2016 before the Special Court (PMLA), Jaipur under the provisions of PMLA, 2002. The Hon`ble Court pronounced the judgement on 08.06.2023 and 09.06.2023 convicting these two accused.