

## Press Release 12/08/2025

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jalandhar Zonal Office, has issued a Provisional Attachment Order under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 on 12.08.2025 vide which 15 immovable properties, worth Rs.8.93 Crore, have been attached of Dr. Amit Bansal and family members, in a money laundering investigation connected with illegal sale of BNX (Buprenorphine/Nalaxone) drugs by 22 private de-addiction centres in Punjab.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of various FIRs registered by Punjab Police under NDPS Act, 1985 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

ED investigation revealed that Amit Bansal was running 22 private de-addiction centres in Punjab and procuring BNX drugs in the guise of the de-addiction centers and selling the same illegally, thereby generating huge Proceeds of Crime (POC). These drugs are used for rehabilitation of drug addicts but have been sold illegally and misused for substance abuse. The POC generated through the illicit activities were deposited in the bank accounts of the hospitals and subsequently layered into bank accounts of Amit Bansal and his family members and used for purchase of the immovable properties.

Earlier, searches were conducted at 4 locations in Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Barnala and Mumbai on 18.07.2025 in the case and movable properties to the tune of Rs. 21 Crore, in the form of bank balance of Dr Amit Bansal, his family members and related entities, has been attached vide Provisional Attachment Order dated 23.07.2025.

Further investigation is under progress.