



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jalandhar, has conducted search operations on 18.07.2025 at 4 locations at Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Barnala and Mumbai under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with a money laundering investigation connected with illegal sale of BNX (Buprenorphine/Nalaxone) drugs by 22 private de addiction centres in Punjab. These drugs are used for rehabilitation of drug addicts but has also been misused for substance abuse. The search operation covered office and residential premises linked to Amit Bansal, Rusan Pharma Limited and drug inspector Roop Preet Kaur.

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

ED investigation revealed that Amit Bansal was procuring BNX drugs in the guise of his 22 de-addiction centers and selling the same illegally, thereby generating huge Proceeds of Crime (POC). The drug shortage because of the illegal sale was allegedly shown as purchase return. The POC, thus generated, was layered through bank accounts and used in purchase of multiple immovable properties.

During the course of search, various incriminating records, including medicine stock register, multiple property purchase agreements and other relevant evidences critical in establishing the financial trail and uncovering the modus operandi of the entities involved were recovered and seized.

Further investigation is under progress.