



**Press Release**  
**12.09.2025**

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jalandhar Zonal Office has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC), on 11.09.2025, before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Mohali against Bhupinder Singh, Vikas Bhandari and 14 other accused in money laundering investigation related to Guava Orchards Scam.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Vigilance Bureau, Punjab against Bhupinder Singh, Vikas Bhandari and others under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 1988.

ED investigation revealed that private persons in connivance with government officers availed wrongful compensation in lieu of guava orchards shown existing on land which was to be acquired by the Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA), Punjab for setting up Aerotropolis Residential Project Near IT city in SAS Nagar, Mohali. The accused bought land after imposition of section 11 of Land Acquisition Act, or took the land on lease, only for sake of getting wrongful compensation for Guava Orchards. For the said purpose, they connived with Revenue Official to forge the revenue records, with Horticulture Development Officers (HDOs) to get favourable assessment reports about guava orchards and with officers working in GMADA to get wrongful compensation. Through such criminal activities accused persons generated and acquired PoC in crores of rupees.

ED had previously conducted searches on 27.03.2024, at different premises which led to the recovery of various incriminating documents. Earlier, ED had also attached immovable/ movable properties worth Rs. 9.87 Crore (approx.).

Further investigation is under progress.