



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement has carried out search operations on 03.02.2023 in a NDPS case at 10 different premises in villages Sheron, Naushera Pannuan and Bugha of district Tarn Taran, Punjab. The business and residential premises of Skattar Singh @Laddi, Gajjan Singh, Makhan Singh, other members of their family and some associates were searched under the provisions of PMLA, 2002.

During the course of search, various incriminating evidences were recovered and seized relating to numerous immovable properties worth crores of rupees in the names of the above mentioned persons, members of their family and their associates. A few packets of psychotropic substance appearing to be opium and its derivate products including heroin were also recovered from the residential premises of Skattar Singh @Laddi and his family at village Sheron. Therefore, request was made to the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) for verification and testing of the suspicious products. As per the NCB officials, the substance recovered was suspected to be heroin weighing approximately 2.2 kg which was tested and seized by them in the presence of ED officials.

Also, some packets of white powdery substance were recovered from the shop of Skattar Singh @Laddi, Proprietor of M/s Baba Sidana Trading Company at Nausheran Pannuan for which NCB was requested for its verification and testing. As per the NCB officials, the same appeared to be suspected Narcotics contraband material weighing 13.980 kgs which was seized by them in the presence of ED officials.

Arms and ammunition totaling 2 rifles and 3 pistols along with some cartridges were recovered during the said search operation. These included 1 rifle, 2 pistols and cartridges found at residential premises of Skattar Singh @Laddi and 1 rifle, 1 pistol and some cartridges found at the residential premises of Makhan Singh, brother of the said Skattar Singh @Laddi. The said arms and ammunition were reported to the local police authorities. Since original licenses were not available for some of the arms recovered from residential premises, the same were handed over to the local police authorities.

Jalandhar Zonal Office of the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) had taken up investigation under PMLA, 2002 against the above mentioned persons on the basis of multiple FIRs against Hardev Singh @Rambo S/o Makhan Singh and others under various sections of NDPS Act and Arms Act which are the Scheduled Offences under the PMLA, 2002 in order to ascertain the scope and extent of money laundering activities indulged by them and for tracing the proceeds of crime. Hardev Singh @Rambo is presently incarcerated in Central Jail, Amritsar following recovery of 4 Kg of Heroin by Punjab Police in 2018.

Further investigation in this case is in progress.