

## 15.08.2025

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jalandhar Zonal Office has conducted search operation at 10 residential & business premises across states of Punjab, Haryana and Maharashtra in connection with money laundering investigation related toM/s Vuenow group of companies comprising of M/s VuenowInfratechLimited; its Director Rahul AnandBhargav and other related persons and entities on 14.08.2025, under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of variousFIRs registered under the provisions of BNS, 2023by GautamBudh Nagar (Noida) Police and Punjab Police.

During investigation it is revealed that Sukhwinder Singh Kharour, the CEO and Founder of Vuenow Groupin connivance with other accused persons/entities orchestrated multi-thousand crore rupees 'Cloud Particle Scam' and thereby lured investors to invest their hard earned money. The underlying business of cloud particle, based on sale and lease back model (SLB model) was found substantively non-existent with insignificant number of clients who could have taken cloud particles on rent from Vuenow group. Actually, no rental amount was received from the data centre clients and entire business of Vuenow group was found only a money rotation scheme.

During investigation, it was further found that after initiation of ED investigation no rent was paid to any of the investors by Vuenow Group which was a result of no investment made by new investors and absence of any client who could have paid rent to Vuenow Group and the same could have been paid further to asset owners (investors).

During the search operation, cash amounting to Rs. 23.90 Lakh, electronic devices and incriminating records were seized and shares worth Rs. 63.49 Crore and immovable propertiesworth Rs9.99 Crore were frozen. Total, assets worthRs 73.72 Crore were seized/ frozen during the course of search proceedings.

Earlier, searches were conducted under provisions of PMLA on 26.11.2024, 17.01.2025 and 24.02.2025.Properties worth Rs. 178.12 Crore (approx.) were attached vide Provisional Attachment Order dated 06.02.2025. During investigation accusedSukhwinder Singh Kharour and Dimple Kharour were arrested on 28.02.2025 and Arif Nisar was arrested on 24.02.2025 and all are presently under judicial custody. Subsequently, Prosecution complaint against them and their related entities was filed before the PMLA Special Court on 24.04.2025.

Further investigation is under progress.