



**PressRelease**  
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jalandhar Zonal Office has conducted search operations at various residential and business premises located in Haryana and Punjab on 23.05.2025 under the provision of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with a money laundering investigation related to fraud committed by various persons/entities in distribution and sale of rice to poor people under 'Bharat Rice Scheme.' During search operation Indian currency amounting to Rs. 2.02 Crore, gold bullion valued at Rs.1.12 Crore (Approx.), electronics devices, incriminating documents and records were recovered and seized.

ED initiated investigation of the basis of FIR registered by Punjab Police under various sections of IPC, 1860 against M/s. Gopal Goyal owner of M/s. Shiv Shakti Rice Mill, M/s. Jai Jinender Rice Mill, Harish Kumar Bansal & others.

During investigation it was found that persons involved, obtained rice from designated government agencies at a lower price for providing it further to poor people at affordable price under 'Bharat Rice Scheme'. They were required to process, clean and pack the same in 5/10 Kg. bags before supplying/sale it to the common/poor people. It was revealed that persons involved and related entities, instead of distributing/selling the rice to the general public through prescribed modes of scheme, diverted it to other rice millers or sold it through other modes in violation of the scheme, thereby generated Proceeds of Crime.

Further investigation is under progress.

