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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jalandhar Zonal Office has arrested Akshay Kumar Chhabra, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, on 2nd April 2025, in connection with money laundering investigation related to illegal drug trafficking syndicate being run by him.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of a case registered by NCB, Chandigarh Zonal Unit under various provisions of NDPS Act. During investigation, it was found that he was the kingpin of international drug syndicate being run from Ludhiana, Punjab. He had managed to import the drugs from Afghanistan in the name of shell/fake entities and supplied the same further. Huge Proceeds of Crime (POC) were generated out of this illegal drug trade which was infused in the immovable properties, liquor business and transferred out of India through different Hawala Channels.

Accused Akshay Kumar Chhabra was produced before the Hon'ble Special Court, Jalandhar. The Hon'ble Court granted 05 days custody of Akshay Kumar Chhabra to ED.

Earlier, searches were also conducted at various premises in the instant case under provision of PMLA on 30.10.2023.

Further investigation in under progress.