



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Chandigarh Zonal Office-I, has secured the conviction of Dara Singh and Gurdarshan Singh in a money laundering case arising out of drug trafficking involving 1.230 Kg of cocaine, reinforcing ED's efforts to disrupt the financial ecosystem supporting the menace of illicit drug trafficking.

The Hon'ble Special Court under PMLA, SAS Nagar (Mohali), vide judgment dated 03.09.2026, convicted both the accused for the offence of Money Laundering under Section 3, punishable under Section 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, and sentenced them to Rigorous Imprisonment for 3 years each along with a fine of ₹5,000 each.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of an FIR registered by Punjab Police in the matter. Both accused were subsequently convicted in the scheduled offence under Sections 22 and 29 of the NDPS Act, respectively.

ED Investigation revealed two cheques of ₹6 Lakh and ₹4 Lakh each, aggregating to ₹10 Lakh, connected with the dealings relating to the contraband. Significantly, the Hon'ble Court held that the contraband as well as the aforesaid cheques fall within the definition of "property" and constitute "Proceeds of Crime" under PMLA, 2002, being the result of criminal activity relating to the Scheduled Offence.

The conviction strengthens ED's commitment to detect, disrupt and destroy the financial networks sustaining the drug menace, by targeting not only narcotics-related offences but also the proceeds generated from such criminal activities, thereby striking at the economic foundations of illicit drug trafficking.

Accused Dara Singh:



Accused Gurdarshan Singh:

