



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Chandigarh Zonal Office-I, arrested Kirshanu Sharda on 18.09.2026 under Section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with a money laundering investigation involving Harcharan Singh Bhullar, the then DIG, Ropar Range, Punjab Police, and others. The Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Chandigarh, has granted ED custody of Kirshanu Sharda for 07 days.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by CBI, ACB, Chandigarh against Harcharan Singh Bhullar, Kirshanu Sharda and others under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Investigation into the predicate offence prima facie established that Harcharan Singh Bhullar, a public servant and the prime accused, operated through Kirshanu Sharda, who acted as his conduit/middleman for demanding and accepting illegal gratification. In one instance, illegal gratification of Rs. 8 lakh was demanded from the complainant, of which Rs. 5 lakh was accepted through Kirshanu Sharda, allegedly for settling a criminal case and allowing the complainant to continue his scrap business without police interference.

Investigation has further revealed that Kirshanu Sharda facilitated the receipt and movement of funds on behalf of Harcharan Singh Bhullar. Searches conducted under Section 17 of the PMLA resulted in the seizure of cash amounting to Rs. 8.35 lakh and freezing of bank and post-office accounts and investments having a cumulative balance of Rs. 1.42 crore (Approx.).

Scrutiny of financial records and seized digital devices has revealed unexplained cash deposits, investments and transactions, including transactions with Harcharan Singh Bhullar, as well as prima facie indications of the involvement of other public servants. ED is tracing the complete money trail and probing the involvement of other persons/entities in similar activities and in the generation, movement, concealment and utilisation of proceeds of crime.

Further investigation is under progress.
