



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Chandigarh Zonal Office-I, arrested **Harcharan Singh Bhullar, the then Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Ropar Range, Punjab Police**, on **09.10.2026**, under Section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with a money laundering investigation arising out of corruption and possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. The Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Chandigarh, has granted **08 days ED custody of Harcharan Singh Bhullar**. Earlier, in the same case, ED had arrested Kirshanu Sharda, on 18.09.2026 under the provisions of the PMLA, who acted as a middleman/conduit for Harcharan Singh Bhullar.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of 02 FIRs registered by CBI, ACB, Chandigarh, against Harcharan Singh Bhullar, Kirshanu Sharda and others under the provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Investigation revealed that Harcharan Singh Bhullar allegedly demanded illegal gratification through Kirshanu Sharda for extending undue favour in a criminal matter wherein an amount of ₹8 lakh was demanded, out of which ₹5 Lakh was accepted through Kirshanu Sharda, for settling a criminal case and allowing the complainant to continue his business without police interference. During searches conducted by CBI at the residence of Harcharan Singh Bhullar, cash amounting to ₹7.37 Crore and jewellery valued at ₹2.32 Crore were recovered, besides luxury watches, high-end vehicles, bank deposits and documents relating to extensive immovable properties.

Further, searches conducted by ED under Section 17 of the PMLA resulted in the seizure of cash amounting to ₹8.35 Lakh and freezing of bank accounts having balances of ₹1.42 Crore (Approx). Investigation has prima facie revealed involvement of Harcharan Singh Bhullar in the acquisition, possession, concealment and utilisation of suspected Proceeds of Crime.

Further investigation is under progress.