



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Aizawl Sub-Zonal Office has provisionally attached movable properties in the form of balances lying in 22 bank accounts amounting to **Rs. 4.76 Crore (approx.)** under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with an organised cross-border narcotics trafficking and money laundering network vide Provisional Attachment Order dated 28.09.2026.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of a Prosecution Complaint filed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Agartala Zonal Unit, arising out of NCB Case No. 07/2025. The predicate offence relates to the seizure of 49.101 Kg of Methamphetamine tablets and 40 grams of Heroin on 21.08.2025 during a joint operation conducted between Keifang and Seling in Mizoram. Investigation by NCB had revealed the involvement of an organised drug trafficking network operating across international and inter-State boundaries.

Investigation has revealed that under PMLA the narcotic drugs were allegedly sourced from Myanmar and transported through the Indo-Myanmar border into Mizoram for onward delivery to receivers and handlers in other parts of India. Further investigation indicated the involvement of Myanmar-based suppliers, local coordinators, transporters, escort vehicles and receivers forming part of the trafficking network.

Further investigation has revealed that proceeds generated from the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs were allegedly collected, routed and layered through a network of bank accounts operated in the names of different individuals and business entities. Investigation also indicated the use of an organised hawala network for receipt, transfer and settlement of funds connected with the narcotics trade. Several of the accounts showed substantial credits, frequent cash deposits, rapid onward transfers and transaction volumes which as recorded during investigation, were disproportionate to the declared business profiles of the concerned account holders.

Investigation also has revealed that Thangchintuaang alias Chintuang, a Myanmar national emerged as the main kingpin of the drug-trafficking network involved in procurement, supply, transportation and financial settlement of narcotic drugs from Myanmar into India. He was arrested by NCB in May 2026 and was subsequently lodged in Central Jail, Aizawl. During his statement, Chintuang admitted his involvement in procurement and supply of heroin and Methamphetamine from

Myanmar to India and disclosed that he, along with his associates, had supplied the narcotic consignment subsequently seized by NCB on 21.08.2025.

Chintuang further disclosed the modus operandi of the drug-trafficking network including procurement of narcotic drugs from suppliers in Myanmar, transportation through remote routes along the Indo-Myanmar border, delivery to Indian receivers and the mechanism adopted for settlement of drug proceeds. He also disclosed details of several Indian bank accounts used for receiving, routing and settling the proceeds generated from illicit drug trafficking activities. Subsequent analysis of the banking trail revealed substantial inter-account transfers, cash deposits and rapid onward movement of funds. Accordingly, identified traceable Proceeds of Crime amounting to **Rs. 4,76,51,149/-** presently lying in the identified bank accounts, and provisionally attached the same under Section 5(1) of PMLA, 2002 to prevent their concealment, transfer or dissipation.

Earlier also, during the course of search operations u/s 17 of the PMLA, 2002 amount of approximately Rs. 3.42 Crore found in various bank accounts maintained by the accused and other beneficiaries were frozen under Section 17(1A) of the PMLA, 2002.

Thus, Proceeds of Crime aggregating to approximately Rs. 8.19 Crore (approx.) have so far been secured under the provisions of PMLA, 2002, comprising Rs. 3.42 Crore (approx.) frozen u/s 17(1A) and Rs. 4.76 Crore provisionally attached currently u/s 5(1) of the PMLA, 2002.

Further investigation is under progress.
