

NARCOTICS CONTROL BUREAU

NCB secure freezing of illegally acquired property worth 7.81 Crores in Amphetamine seizure case

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The office of Competent Authority and Administrator under the SAFEMA & NDPS Act has confirmed the orders of attachment issued by NCB Chennai concerning immovable properties of an accused involved in seizure of 950 grams of Amphetamine in April 2025.

The registered value of the assets is ₹7.81 crores. The immovable properties include 28 properties which were all purchased in the district of Nagapatinam, Tamil Nadu. These properties were acquired using proceeds from narcotics trafficking.

Earlier in April 2025, Narcotics Control Bureau, Chennai had seized 950 grams of Amphetamine at Pudukkottai to Madurai Road, Melavilakudi, Opposite to Bharathi Nagar, Pudukkottai District, Tamil Nadu and arrested one individual. Illegal cash Rs.2,00,000/- was also seized from his possession. The said accused used “Zangi” app, to communicate with suppliers which could not be easily intercepted or detected. He was also involved in NDPS cases registered by Rayapuram PS, Keezhaliyur PS and another case registered by NCB Chennai wherein seizure of 440 kg ganja was affected.

Investigation revealed that the syndicate was involved in transnational and inter-state trafficking of large quantities of Amphetamine, sourced from New Delhi and transported to Tamil Nadu, before being smuggled, out of India via fishing boats. To evade detection, the syndicate used the “dead drop” method, wherein the suppliers left the drugs at concealed locations—such as behind bushes—and shared the GPS coordinates with traffickers for pickup.

Further investigation revealed that the accused used drug proceeds to purchase immovable properties. Cash was funneled through mules into bank accounts of the accused and family via NEFT, RTGS, UPI, and cash deposits. Assets worth ₹3.5 crores were acquired in FY 2024–25 without any verifiable income. Properties were also bought using cash payments, violating the Income Tax Act, and two were acquired through wills from unrelated individuals without documentary proof.

This case exemplifies NCB's commitment to effectively identifying drug trafficking networks and disrupting their ecosystem by freezing assets acquired through money generated out of drug trafficking.

To fight against drug trafficking, NCB seeks support of the citizens. Any person can share information related to sale of narcotics by calling on MANAS- National Narcotics Helpline Toll Free Number-1933. The identity of the caller is kept confidential.
