

PRESS RELEASE

SEIZURE OF 4 (FOUR) TONNES OF POPPY STRAW BY CENTRAL BUREAU OF NARCOTICS (CBN)

On the basis of an information, the preventive team of Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) headquarters, Gwalior raided the premises of a company located at Malanpur Industrial Area on 07th October, 2010 and seized 4110.540 kgs of illegal poppy straw as well as 91.240 kgs of poppy straw powder and a pulverizing machine meant for grinding the poppy straw. Four persons including a prominent business man of Gwalior were arrested u/s 8 / 15, 26 and 27 A of NDPS Act, 1985 alongwith a four wheeler vehicle.

Investigation revealed that the illegal business of poppy straw, a narcotic drug, was taking place in garb of PS-3 license granted by the State Authorities. Inter-state trafficking of this drug was running by taking advantage of and misusing the provisions of the respective State Rules regarding control on movement, sale and storage of poppy straw. The poppy straw was being dispatched to various places in Punjab and Haryana in adulterated powder form after mixing with pea nutshells etc. in concealment with vegetables and other consumer goods carrying vehicles.

During follow up action, one more associate person was arrested and a four wheeler containing some incriminating documents was also seized u/s 60(3) of NDPS Act, 1985. The estimated market value of seized drug is approx Rs.25, 00,000/-. A preliminary enquiry has indicated the involvement of huge black money of accused persons, their relatives and associates. Further investigations in the matter are in progress.



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