

Rs 8-LAKH BRIBERY CASE

CBI court rejects discharge pleas, frames charges against DIG Bhullar, co-accused

Says prosecution material prima facie ‘connects both the accused with the commission of offences attributed to them’

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Chandigarh, July 10

HOLDING THAT the prosecution material “prima facie connects both the accused with the commission of offences attributed to them”, a Special CBI Court in Chandigarh on Friday dismissed the discharge applications of Punjab cadre IPS officer and suspended DIG Harcharan Singh Bhullar and his aide Kirshanu Sharda in the Rs 8-lakh bribery case. The court further held that a substantive offence under Section 7 of the Prevention of



DIG H S Bhullar.FILE

Corruption Act is made out against Bhullar and a substantive offence under Section 12 against Sharda. Charges were framed against both accused, who pleaded not guilty and claimed trial. The matter has been posted to July 23 for prosecution evidence, with two witnesses directed to be summoned. The court also ordered that both accused remain in judicial custody and be produced before it through video conferencing on the next date. The CBI had registered an FIR on October 16, 2025, against

Bhullar and Sharda on the basis of a complaint filed by Akash Batta and a subsequent verification report. According to the prosecution, the two accused allegedly hatched a criminal conspiracy to demand a bribe of Rs 8 lakh from the complainant and later accepted Rs 5 lakh as part payment. Appearing for Bhullar, advocates S P S Bhullar and H S Dhanoa argued that the Punjab cadre IPS officer was a state government employee and the CBI lacked jurisdiction to investigate him without the consent of the Punjab government under Section 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act. Opposing the plea, Narender Singh, Public Prosecutor for the CBI, submitted that part of the alleged offence had been committed within the UT of Chandigarh and, no consent of the Punjab government was required. He argued that the evidence collected during investigation, including the controlled call, recovery of tainted

money, WhatsApp chats and electronic evidence, established a prima facie case against both the accused. The CBI prosecutor also submitted that the accused were seeking a detailed appreciation of evidence at the stage of framing of charge, which was impermissible in law. Court observed that the demand for the bribe, acceptance of Rs 5 lakh through alleged middleman Sharda, recovery of tainted money, and the controlled call acknowledging receipt of the money had all taken place in Chandigarh. The Special Judge held that “the prosecution material, such as evidence collected during investigation clearly establishes the continuous demand, agreement to accept illegal gratification, acceptance of the part payment of the bribe, controlled call conversation and other corroborative material prima facie connects both the accused with the commission of offences attributed to them”.

NCB, Chandigarh Police destroy over 2 tonnes of seized narcotics during drug disposal drive

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THE NARCOTICS Control Bureau (NCB), Chandigarh Zonal Unit, and Chandigarh Police on Friday said they jointly destroyed more than two tonnes of seized narcotic substances as part of the nationwide Drug Disposal Fortnight being observed from June 26 to July 10. During the exercise, the NCB Chandigarh Zonal Unit destroyed 1,859.180 kg of poppy straw and 24.310 kg of charas. Chandigarh Police, meanwhile, destroyed 60 injections, 3,343 kg of ganja, 0.59539 kg of her-

oin, and 0.03833 kg of charas. Officials said that with the latest disposal, the total quantity of narcotic drugs destroyed by the NCB Chandigarh Zonal Unit during the fortnight has reached 2,027.192 kg of poppy straw, 24.310 kg of charas and 2.335 kg of heroin. The authorities said the destruction of the seized contraband was carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act after obtaining the necessary approvals from the competent authorities. **Panchkula police destroyed narcotics worth**

Rs 6.03 crore

On Thursday, Panchkula police destroyed narcotic substances worth over Rs 6.03 crore seized in 105 cases registered under the NDPS Act. The drugs were destroyed in a high-temperature furnace at a hygiene factory in Bagwala. DCP Srishti Gupta appeals to the public to share information on drug trafficking, the illegal

sale of narcotics and peddler networks through the Manas Helpline (1933) or Panchkula Police's Drug Info Helpline numbers, 7087081100 and 7087081047. She also urges families not to conceal cases of drug addiction and says the police are facilitating rehabilitation and social support for those seeking to overcome substance abuse.

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