

PRESS NOTE ON SEIZURE OF HUGE QUANTITY OF HEROIN ON 15-09-2021
AT MUNDRA PORT, GUJARAT STATE AND ALLEGED LINKS TO VIJAYAWADA

It appeared in the press that huge quantity of heroin worth thousands of crores of rupees was seized by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence at Mundra port, Gujarat State (in the containers) smuggled from Afghanistan. News Item also mentioned that Heroin consignment is heading to Vijayawada.

On verification with the concerned investigating agencies, it is learnt that one Smt. Govindaraju Durga Purna Vaishali resident of Chennai has taken GST registration in August 2020 on the address at D.No. 23-14-16, Satyanarayana Puram, Gadiyaramvari Street, Vijayawada. Machavaram Sudhakar, a resident of Chennai is the husband of Vaishali. The above addressed building is owned by Smt. Govindaraju Taraka who happened to be the mother of Smt. Vaishali.

It is learnt that Smt. Vaishali has taken Import and Export license (IEC Code) from Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) for export and import purpose. It is also learnt that both wife and husband (Sudhakar and Vaishali) have been residing in Chennai for the past many years.

The smuggled Heroin in the guise of Talcum powder that landed at Mundra Port is intended to reach Delhi, but not to Vijayawada as alleged in some sections of media. So far no activity except using the Vijayawada house address for obtaining above licenses has come to notice. However, further enquiries are being conducted.

In this regard, it is learnt that investigating agencies conducted raids and searches in Ahmedabad, Delhi, Chennai etc.,

Case is under investigation by Central Agencies (DRI) and further investigations are going on.

For information.