

# Land fraud racket: 5 arrested with Rs 32L cash, 5 vehicles

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Mohali: Mohali police have dismantled a land fraud syndicate, arresting five key members and seizing Rs 32.5 lakh in cash along with five vehicles used in the scam. Two other accused remain at large, with police hot on their trail.

The arrested individuals were Avtar Singh alias Bahadur Singh (Dayalpur village, now in Sante Majra Colony, Kharar), Jagdish Kumar alias Jeet Singh (Kalahehri village, Ropar), Jagtar Singh alias Satnam Singh (Badeshah Kalan, Fatehgarh Sahib; now in Sunder Nagar, Morinda), Bhupesh Mehta (Morinda), Gurbaj Singh alias Gurbhej Singh (Paprali village, Ropar).

Still absconding are Manga Singh and Kulwinder Singh alias Kali, both from Luhar Majra Kalan village in Fatehgarh Sahib. Police say their arrest is imminent and could unravel deeper layers of the racket.

The crackdown followed a complaint by Amarjeet Singh of Gharuan village, who was duped into paying for land falsely claimed to be owned by the accused. The fraud was orchestrated using forged documents and fake ownership claims.

SP (Rural) Manpreet Singh revealed that the FIR (No. 235, dated July 28) was registered at Sadar Kharar police station under multiple sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), including 319(2), 318(4), 316(2), 336(2), and 61(2).

Interrogation of the arrested led to the identification of other gang members and the recovery of vehicles used in the fraud, including a Honda Amaze taxi, Maruti Brezza (Morinda registration), Skoda (Chandigarh registration), and a red car registered in Ropar.

Police confirmed that Kulwinder Singh alias Kali has multiple cases already registered against him. Investigators believe the arrests will expose a wider network of land scams in the region.