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NIA Chargesheets 2 Maoist Operatives in Chhattisgarh in Explosives Supply Case

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday chargesheeted two arrested accused in a 2024 case of purchase and supply of explosives by the banned terrorist organisation CPI (Maoist) in Chhattisgarh.

The anti-terror agency, in its chargesheet filed before the NIA Special Court, Jagdalpur has named Mantosh Mandal and Sela Nagarjun @ S. Nagarjun, both resident of Patnampara, District Sukma, Chhattisgarh, under various sections of Explosive Substances Act and UA(P) Act.

The two men were identified as supporters / over ground workers (OGWs) of CPI (Maoist) and were found to have been actively involved in online purchase of explosives and other necessary items for the proscribed outfit. They were found to be in unlawful possession of such material, meant for supply to CPI (Maoist) members in Jagargunda area of Sukma district for preparation of IEDs for use against security forces.

The state police had originally registered the case following the arrest of Mantosh and Sela on 25th September 2024. Based on their disclosures, explosive materials including tiffin bombs, detonators, Potassium Nitrate, Aluminium Metal Powder etc were recovered, along with other incriminating material like packaging wrappers, Naxal literature and mobile phones containing incriminating content.

NIA, which re-registered the case on 23rd December 2024, is continuing with its further investigations.