



## NIA Press Release

NIA Conducts Searches in Remote Chhattisgarh Villages in CPI (Maoist) Poll Team Attack Case

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Teams of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday searched several locations in remote villages of Chhattisgarh in connection with the CPI (Maoist) attack on a polling and security team during the state Assembly elections last year.

Searches were conducted at multiple locations belonging to 11 suspects in the villages of Rawandiggi, Semra, Mainpur, Ghoragaon, Kerabakra, and Gariyaband in the sensitive Maoist infested areas of Gariyaband and Dhamtari districts. The suspects were believed to be over ground workers (OWGs) and supporters of the Mainpur-Nuapada division of the banned CPI (Maoist) terror outfit.

Investigation has established that the mainpur-nuapada division was behind the IED blast that killed a Head Constable of ITBP ADHOC 615 Battalion in the attack on the polling team and security personnel returning from village Badegobra after polling during the Assembly elections in November last year. The names of the suspects whose premises were searched today had surfaced during the NIA investigation in the case RC-05/2024/NIA-RPR.

Naxal pamphlets / booklets, mobile phones & digital devices, Rs. 1.5 lakh in cash, along with other incriminating materials, was seized during the searches by NIA, which has so far chargesheeted 10 accused in the case.