

**NIA Press Release**

NIA Kolkata Court Sentences 1 Accused to 10 Yrs RI in Lokepur Bomb Blast Case

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The NIA Special Court, Kolkata, on Saturday convicted and sentenced one accused to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fine in the 2019 Lokepur bomb blast case of West Bengal.

Bablu Mondal, who had surrendered before the court in June 2022, has been pronounced guilty and fined a sum of Rs. 10,000, besides being sentenced to imprisonment under u/s 286 of IPC and sections 3 & 5 of the Explosive Substances Act.

The blast had occurred in the house of Bablu Mondal, and the Lokepur police had arrested his two sons, Niranjana Mondal and Mrityunjay Mondal in 2019. The duo had absconded after being released on bail while Bablu had surrendered later.

The residential premises of the accused were found during investigation to be used for storage of illegal explosives and making of crude bombs.

NIA, which had taken over and re-registered the case as RC 29/2020/NIA/DLI in September 2020, had chargesheeted all three accused on 5th September 2022. Investigations to track the absconding accused are continuing.

