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## NIA Press Release

3 Sentenced to Rigorous Imprisonment by NIA Spl Court in Visakhapatnam Fake Currency Case

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The NIA Special Court, Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), has sentenced three accused to rigorous imprisonment (RI) in a fake currency case.

The accused, Firoj Saikh, Tajamul Saikh and Enamul Haque, have been sentenced to a total of 7 years of RI in the 2018 case relating to seizure of fake Indian currency notes (FICN) having face value of Rs. 10,20,000.

The seizure was made from two accused, Md. Mahaboob Baig @ Azhar Baig and Syed Imran, who were travelling on the Howrah-Hyderabad East Coast Express. Their interrogation had revealed the involvement of Firoj Saikh, Tajamul Saikh, and Enamul Haque.

NIA investigations revealed all five accused to be involved in a large-scale racket of smuggling counterfeit currency. Md. Mahaboob Baig and Syed Imran were convicted earlier, on June 26, 2019, and sentenced to 10 years of RI for their role in the conspiracy.

In its sentence on Friday against the other three, the NIA Special Court sentenced Firoz and Enamul each to 7 years RI and fine of Rs. 10,000 under Section 489-B IPC. They will have to suffer an additional time of 2½ years in jail in case of default in fine payment.

Tajamul Saikh has also been awarded a similar sentence under Section 489-B IPC. In addition, he has also been sentenced to 7 years RI and fine of Rs. 5,000 (with additional prison term of 2 years in case of default in fine payment ) under Section 120-B IPC. Further, he has also been convicted under Sections 201 and 204 of IPC and has been sentenced to 2 years RI with Rs. 3,000 and Rs.2000 fine respectively (and additional jail term of 6 months in case of default in fine payment) for each. All these sentences will run concurrently.

Investigations to dismantle the fake currency rackets across the country are continuing.