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2 CPI Maoist Operatives Chargesheeted by NIA in 2023 Chhattisgarh Assembly Poll IED Blast Case

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheeted two more accused in the November 2023 Chhattisgarh assembly poll blast case.

Dhanesh Ram Dhruw and Ramswrup Markam have been charged under various sections of IPC and UA(P) Act in the supplementary chargesheet filed by NIA, taking the total number of accused chargesheeted in the case to 12. Ten accused persons were chargesheeted earlier in December 2024 in the case RC-05/2024/NIA/RPR.

During the assembly elections in Chhattisgarh in November 2023, an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) explosion, unleashed in response to a poll boycott call by proscribed CPI (Maoist) terror outfit in village Badegobra of district Gariyaband of the state, had killed an ITBP head constable. The blast took place when a polling team accompanied by security personnel was returning from village Badegobra after completion of the voting process.

Dhanesh Ram Dhruv was a Headmaster in a Government Primary School and Ramswrup Markam was Sarpanch of Chhotegobra Panchayat in the naxal infested Gariyaband District. Both were involved in providing logistics and financial support to members of CPI (Maoist) for carrying out the attack, as per NIA investigations.

Accused Dhanesh Ram Dhruv had actively assisted CPI (Maoist) cadres in making posters and banners for boycotting the assembly elections, among other things. Ramswarup had arranged incriminating materials, such as wires, switches, and firecrackers, for naxals before execution of the IED blast.

NIA, which took over the probe in February 2024, found the attack to have been planned by CPI (Maoist) Central Committee members Ganesh Uikey and Manoj, and Special Zonal Committee Member Satyam Gawade. It was carried out by cadres of the outfit's Gobra Dalam with the support of over ground workers (OGWs) from Badegobra-Chhotegobra village.

Investigations in the case are continuing.