

**NIA Press Release****NIA CHARGESHEETS KEY ACCUSED IN 2024 JHARKHAND NAXAL ATTACK ON SECURITY FORCES CASE**

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A key accused in the 2024 case relating to an attack by CPI (Maoist) cadres on security forces in Jharkhand has been chargesheeted by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Abhijeet Koda @ Sunil Koda @ Matla Koda @ Matlu of district Jamui, Bihar, has been charged under several sections of IPC, Arms Act, Explosive Substances Act, Criminal Law Amendment Act 1908; and UA (P) Act, 1967, in the chargesheet filed before the NIA Special Court, Ranchi, Jharkhand.

An armed cadre of CPI (Maoist), Koda was a part of the proscribed terrorist organisation's criminal conspiracy to commit terrorist acts and promote/strengthen the outfit in association with its other leaders/cadres. NIA investigations revealed he was working as courier and messenger for senior Maoist leaders, and also supported their efforts to expand the outfit and carry out unlawful/criminal activities.

The case originated in February last year when Jharkhand Police and CRPF started a search and combing operation in the Sundari Pahari forest area of Chatro-Chatti in district Bokaro following inputs of 15-20 Naxal cadres camping there. The cadres were reportedly planning to commit crime, recruit youth, levy collection and attack security forces, as per the inputs received by the police.

During the search operation, the Naxals started indiscriminate firing at the forces, which retaliated. While the Maoist cadres managed to escape in the thick forest, the security forces seized a laptop with charger, a pen drive, a wireless handset, a FM Receiver Radio, a list of phone numbers, Naxal literature, pencil battery, portable scanner, live/fired cartridge, gun powder, pellets, striker for pellets etc. from the area.

NIA, which took over the case in June 2024, is continuing with its investigation.