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Key Aide of Terrorist Landa & Gangster Pavitar Batala Arrested by NIA from Mumbai in Punjab Terror Conspiracy Case

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In a major breakthrough in the Punjab terror conspiracy case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday arrested a key aide of designated Khalistani individual terrorist Lakhbir Singh @ Landa and gangster Bachitar Singh @ Pavitar Batala.

Jatinder Singh @ Jyoti of district Gurdaspur, Punjab, was absconding since the arrest of weapons supplier Baljit Singh @ Rana Bhai in July 2024, and was arrested today from Mumbai after extensive technical and on-ground efforts by NIA.

The anti-terror agency has identified Jatinder as a member of the terror gang formed by foreign-based Landa of the banned terrorist organisation, Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), and an aide of Batala, a close associate of Landa.

Jatinder Singh was providing weapons to on-ground operatives of Landa and Batala in Punjab, as per NIA investigations. He was procuring weapons from Madhya Pradesh (MP) based supplier Baljit Singh @ Rana Bhai, who has recently been chargesheeted in the instant case.

Investigations have further revealed that Jatinder Singh had brought ten pistols from MP and delivered them to operatives of Landa and Batala in Punjab. He had planned to smuggle more weapons from MP into Punjab but was scuttled by NIA's sustained search operations over the past several months.

Jatinder's arrest marks a major step forward in NIA's efforts to dismantle the terror-gangster nexus by preventing smuggling of arms, ammunitions, explosives etc. and raising of funds for carrying out terrorist acts on the Indian soil.