

**NIA Press Release****NIA CHARGESHEETS 4 CPI (MAOIST) MEMBERS IN MAHARASHTRA'S DINESH PUSU GAWADE MURDER CASE**

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday chargesheeted four members of the banned CPI (Maoist) terrorist organisation for the abduction and brutal killing of a youth in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli.

The accused, identified as Doba Wadde, Ravi Pallo, Sattu Mahaka and Komati Mahaka, have been charged with abduction and murder of Dinesh Pusu Gawade in November 2023. They had kidnapped and killed Gawade on suspicion of being a police informer and a member of RSS.

In its chargesheet filed before the NIA Special Court, Mumbai, Maharashtra, in case RC-03/2024/NIA/MUM, the agency has stated that the accused were active members of CPI (Maoist) and had committed the crime in furtherance of the outfit's conspiracy to spread terror in the minds of the local villagers. Their act was also aimed as a threat to the villagers against sharing any information about Naxal activities/movements with the security forces.

The case was initially registered at P.S Dhodraj by Gadchiroli Police, which arrested the accused and seized a Bharmar gun, along with explosives and incriminating materials at their instance.

NIA, which took over the case from Gadchiroli Police in October 2024, has chargesheeted the accused persons, all residents of Gadchiroli district, under sections 302, 341, 364, 143, 147, 148, 149 & 120B of IPC, Section 3 r/w 25(1B)(a) of Arms Act, and sections 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 38 & 39 of UA(P) Act.

Further investigations in the case are continuing.