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Supplementary Charge-Sheet filed against six accused persons in RC-01/2011/NIA/DLI (Professor's Palm Chopping Case)

Today, i.e., 1st June, 2017, the National Investigation Agency, Branch Office, Kochi, filed before the Hon'ble Special Court for NIA Cases (SPE/CBI-I), Ernakulam, Kerala, the third supplementary charge-sheet against six accused persons, namely, Mohamed Rafi @ Rafi (A-38), Subair T. P. @ Subu (A-39), M. K. Noushad (A-41), Mansoor (A-43), P. P. Moideen Kunhu (A-44) and P. M. Ayoob @ Ayoob (A-45) in RC-01/2011/NIA/DLI (Professor's Palm Chopping Case).

(ii) The case was originally registered as FIR No. 704/ 2010, dated 04/07/2010, of Muvattupuzha Police Station, in Ernakulam District, under sections 143, 147, 148, 120B, 341, 427, 323, 324, 326, 506(ii) and 307 read with 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, besides section 3 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, against the accused persons involved in the criminal conspiracy and consequent lethal attack on Professor T. J. Joseph at Muvattupuzha on the 4th July, 2010. In the incident wherein assailants had used deadly weapons and explosives to create terror in the minds of the victim and the general public, the palm of Professor T. J. Joseph was chopped off by the assailants, alleging ridiculing of Prophet Mohammed in the Malayalam question paper prepared by Professor Joseph, for the internal examination of B. Com students at the Newman College, Thodupuzha, Idukki district, during the academic year 2009-2010. The Kerala Police had, subsequently, arraigned 54 persons, all members or leaders of the Popular Front of India (PFI)/ Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), as accused in the case, and had invoked sections 153A, 201, 202 and 212 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, besides sections 15 r/w 16, 18, 18(B), 19 and 20 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

(iii) On 10/01/2011, Kerala Police filed before the Hon'ble Judicial First Class Magistrate Court, Muvattupuzha, the initial charge sheet in this case against 27 accused persons, including two absconding accused [Savad (A-1) and Sajil (A-4)], under sections 143, 147, 148, 120B, 341, 427, 323, 324, 326, 506 (ii), 201, 202, 212, 153A and 307 r/w 149 of the IPC, section 3 of the Explosive Substances Act besides sections 15 r/w 16, 18, 18B, 19 and 20 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

(iv) The National Investigation Agency (NIA) took over investigation into this case consequent upon the directions of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, vide order No.1-11011/62/2010-IS-IV,

dated 09.03.2011, and re-registered the case as RC-01/2011/NIA/DLI on 09.04.2011.

(v) The NIA had filed the first supplementary charge sheet against nine accused persons (A-28 to A-36) including six absconding accused persons, on 18.01.2013. Later, another supplementary charge sheet against one more accused person (A-37) was filed by the NIA on 12.04.2013 and further investigation was continued as permitted by the Hon'ble Special Court for NIA Cases.

(vi) Two of the eight charge sheeted absconding accused persons had surrendered before the Hon'ble Court and trial against the 31 available accused persons commenced on 29.04.2013 in this case which the Court numbered SC 01/2013/NIA. After examination of one witness, the trial was stopped due to retirement of the Ld. Judge and, later, resumed *de-novo* on 08.07.2013. On 30.04.2015 trial was completed and the Hon'ble Court pronounced 13 accused persons [Jamal (A-2), Shobin (A-3), Shamsudheen (A-5), Shanavas (A-6), Pareeth (A-7), Yoonus (A-8), Jaffer (A-9), K. K. Ali (A-12), Abdul Latheef (A-25), Shajeer (A-27), Kasim (A-29), Anvar Sadik (A-34) and Riyas (A-36)] guilty of various offences including those under the UA (P) Act, while acquitting the remaining 18 accused persons, who had faced trial. The NIA has filed appeal before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala against the acquittal of six out of the 18 accused persons not found guilty.

(vii) The split up case vide SC No. 01/2015/NIA against two absconders [Savad (A-1) and Shefeeque (A-30)] besides arrested accused persons, Sajil (A-4), M. K. Nasar (A-28), Najeeb (A-31) and Azeez Odakkali (A-33), is now pending for trial before the Hon'ble Special Court for NIA Cases (SPE/ CBI-I), Ernakulam.

(viii) The 3rd supplementary charge sheet, in this case, has now been filed by the NIA against six accused persons, namely, 1) Mohammed Rafi (A-38), aged 36, S/o Beeran, R/o Aluva, Ernakulam district, 2) Subair T. P. (A-39), aged 35, S/o Pareeth Pillai R/o Aluva, Ernakulam district 3) M. K. Noushad (A-41), aged 43, S/o Kunhu Mohamed, R/o Aluva, Ernakulam district 4) Mansoor (A-43), aged 47, S/o Aliyar, R/o Aluva, Ernakulam district 5) P. P. Moideen Kunhu (A-44), aged 55, S/o Pareeth Musliyar, R/o Aluva, Ernakulam and 6) P. M. Ayoob (A-45), aged 44, S/o Moideen, R/o Aluva, Ernakulam district for offences punishable under sections 118, 341, 427, 324, 326, 506, 201, 202, 212, 153(A) and 307 r/w 120B of the Indian Penal Code; sections 3 and 6 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, besides sections 16(1)(b), 18 and 20 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, for being party to the criminal conspiracy for attacking Professor T. J. Joseph and creating terror, and for facilitating the attack as members of the terrorist gang, destroying the evidence in the case and harbouring the assailants or other accused persons involved in this heinous crime.
