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Two persons arrested in NIA case RC-11/2017/NIA/DLI **(Killing of JD (U) MLA by CPI Maoist at Ranchi)**

During investigation of NIA Case No. RC-11/2017/NIA/DLI (Killing of JD (U) MLA by CPI Maoist at Ranchi), the role of two suspects namely Prafull Kumar Mahto age 27 yrs s/o Stripati Mahto r/o village Tau, PS Bundu, Dist. Ranchi, Jharkhand and Jaiganesh age 37 yrs s/o Late Mohan Lohra, r/o College Road Bundu, PS Bundu, Dist. Ranchi had emerged in the larger conspiracy of murder of Shri Ramesh Singh Munda on 09.07.2008.

2. This case is related to the killing of Shri Ramesh Singh Munda, then JD(U) MLA, his two security officers namely Shiv Nath Minz, Md Khurshid and one student namely Shri Ram Dhan Patar, on 9/7/2008 at S.S.High School, Bundu, Ranchi, by armed cadres of the CPI (Maoists). The Jharkhand Police had registered a case vide Bundu PS case no 65/2008 dated 09/07/2008, under sections 302, 379, 120B & 34 of the Indian Penal Code, section 27 of the Arms Act and section 17 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act in this regard. During investigation, sections 18, 20 & 38 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 were added. The NIA re registered the above said case on 30/6/2017 and took up the investigation. The NIA had earlier arrested 05 more accused persons including former minister Raja Peter Singh, after taking over the investigation.

3. Both accused have been arrested on 15.01.2018. They have been produced before the NIA Special Court, Ranchi on 16.01.2018 and remanded for 05 days NIA custody for their custodial interrogation.
