



National Investigation Agency
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NIA SECURES CONVICTION IN HIGH QUALITY FICN CASE

RC-15/2015/NIA/DLI/ dated 03.12.2015

NIA Special Court, Patna today convicted four accused persons namely Afroz Ansari, Sunny Kumar @ Kabir Khan, Ishrafal Alam and Alomgir Sheikh for damaging the monetary stability of India by way of smuggling and circulation of the high quality FICN and thereby committing a terrorist act under sections 120B, 489-B of IPC and Sections 16, 18 & 20 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967.

2. NIA investigated a case relating to recovery of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs) of face value Rs. 5,94,000/- (in the denomination of Rs. 500/-) from an accused named Afroz Ansari R/O Ramgarh, Jharkhand by the DRI on 19.09.2015 from Ramgarhwa, Motihari, East Champaran, Bihar. The accused was carrying this consignment of FICN to Raxaul, near the Indo-Nepal border, for further delivery in Nepal.

3. During investigation by NIA, it emerged that a syndicate of FICN smugglers was involved in procuring FICN smuggled from Bangladesh for supplying it to Nepal and various parts of India. Further investigation into the matter led to recovery of additional FICN of face value Rs. 3 lacs from an accused Almgir Sheikh @ Raju R/O Malda, West Bengal. Forensic examination of the seized notes revealed it to be High Quality Fake Indian Currency Notes. Based on the evidence collected during the investigation, eight accused persons namely Sunny Kumar @ Kabir Khan R/O Nawada, Bihar, Ishrafal Aalam R/O Malda, West Bengal, Alomgir Sheikh @ Raju R/O Malda, West Bengal, Umar Faruk @ Firoj R/O Malda, West Bengal, Sanjay Kumar R/O Raxaul, Bihar, Munna Singh, R/O Bettiah, West Champaran, Bihar and Asikul Islam R/o Malda, West Bengal were arrested by the NIA.

4. Charge sheet was filed against the accused persons Afroz Ansari, Sunny Kumar, Ishrafal Alam and Alomgir Sheikh on 22.07.2016, whereas supplementary charge sheet was filed against accused Umar Faruk and Munna Singh on 17.04.2017. The absconding accused Mohammed Raeesuddin R/O District Malda, West Bengal was recently arrested on 26.09.2018. All the above accused persons are in Judicial Custody at Beur Jail, Patna.

5. Trial against the remaining accused persons is going on. Quantum of punishment is slated to be pronounced on 11th October, 2018.
