



NIA SPECIAL COURT PATNA SENTENCES 3 CONVICTED IN 2012 CPI (MAOIST) ARMS & AMMUNITION SEIZURE CASE TO RI & FINE

The NIA Special Court Patna on Monday sentenced three accused, convicted in a 2012 Naxal arms and ammunition seizure case of Aurangabad, Bihar, to rigorous imprisonment and fine.

Two of the accused, Udit Narayan Singh @ Tulsi @ Tufan and Akhilesh Singh @ Manoj Singh, have each been sentenced to 12 years Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) with Rs. 5000 fine under sections 16 (1) (b), 17, 18, 20 of UA(P) Act, and 10 years RI with Rs. 5000/- fine each under sections 38 (2) of UA(P) Act, 25(1-A), 26 (2), section 35 of the Arms Act and sections 4, 5 of the Explosive Substances Act. All sentences will run concurrently.

The third accused, Arjunji @ Mani Yadav, has been sentenced to 10 years RI with Rs. 5000 fine under sections 16 (1b), 20, 38(2) of UA(P) Act, and 5(A) of the Explosive Substances Act.

All three will be liable to additional 3 months of simple imprisonment in case of default in payment of fine, as per the quantum of the sentence pronounced by the court today.

The accused had been charged by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) under various sections of UA(P) Act, Arms Act and Explosive Substances Act in the case (RC-01/2013/NIA-DLI).

The trio had been convicted on Saturday by the Special court, which had found them guilty of being in possession of prohibited and non-prohibited arms and ammunition as well as chemicals for making IEDs and bombs for use in terror attacks by the banned CPI (Maoist) outfit. The accused, all active cadres of CPI (Maoist), were also found in possession of cash collected as levy money for carrying out terrorist activities.

The Aurangabad Town police had initially registered the case on 26th March 2012, a day after raids were conducted at the houses of the three accused. The raids followed secret inputs that some active cadres of CPI (Maoist) had assembled in Aurangabad to execute some terrorist activities. During the raids, the Police had seized prohibited arms, magazines, huge quantity of ammunition, RPG grenades, chemical substances, Bolero vehicle, mobile sets, Indian Currency of face value Rs. 3,34,000, as well as naxal literature and other incriminating documents.

All the three accused were arrested after the raids. Subsequent investigations by the Police led to the filing of a Chargesheet as well as a Supplementary chargesheet against the trio. The NIA, after taking over the case on 19th March 2013, conducted further investigations and filed another Supplementary Chargesheet on 6th June 2015 in the court of the Special Judge, NIA, Patna.