

PRESS NOTE

NIA Response to the news item “Home Ministry asks NIA to stay away from case relating to IM”

The National Investigation Agency denies the above mentioned news item as the same is factually incorrect. NIA feels surprised that a one sided report has been allowed to be released without confirmation of facts from the NIA spokesperson or even not caring to refer to material already available in the open domain. Since the matter referred in the report directly relates to an ongoing petition CRL.M.C. 3687/2013 **SyedMaqbool V/s State**, in the Hon’ble High Court of Delhi, NIA urges the media to access the order sheets of the previous court hearings from the website, particularly the latest order dated 20th March 2013, (link http://delhihighcourt.nic.in/dhcqrydisp_o.asp?pn=62438&yr=2014) which abundantly clarifies the facts and provides a factual account of the proceedings. It is not out of the place to mention that NIA strongly believes in putting public interest upfront and strives to put up a credible and legally sound investigative response to terror. We sincerely hope that other stakeholders understand our ethos and reciprocate with similar values when dealing with NIA related news items, and those who have already reported this item may please clarify the correct and wholesome version of the facts of the present matter.