



NIA Cracks IAC Theft Case

Today (10.6.2020), NIA arrested two accused viz. (i) Sumit Kumar Singh (23 yrs) resident of Munger, Bihar, and (ii) Daya Ram (22yrs), resident of Hanumangarh Rajasthan from their houses respectively, who have been found involved in the case of theft (August/September,2019) of certain computer hardware components from the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) under construction at the Cochin Shipyard Ltd.

2. The case was originally registered on 16.09.2019 at Ernakulam Town South PS, Kochi City Kerala as FIR No. 1384 of 2019 on the complaint of the Cochin Shipyard authorities regarding the criminal trespass and theft of certain critical electronic component installed on-board Indigenous Aircraft Carrier under construction at the Cochin Shipyard. NIA re-registered this case as RC-03/2019/NIA/KOC on 26.9.2019 and took up the investigation.

3. The electronic component included 5 micro-processors, 10 RAMs, 5 Solid State Drives (SSDs) from the Multi-Functional Consoles (MFCs) aboard the Ship. MFCs form part of Integrated Platform Management System (IPMS) of the Project.

4. NIA conducted a painstaking and a very detailed investigation into this completely blind case collecting and analyzing fingerprints and palm-prints of more than five thousand persons, who had worked in the IAC project during the relevant period. A large number of witnesses were examined. In the month of March 2020, NIA had announced a reward of Rs. Five lakhs to anybody who gives any credible leads in the case.

5. During multiple searches in Bihar, Rajasthan and Gujarat conducted today (10.6.2020). Some stolen electronic devices were recovered and incriminating materials have been seized.

6. Further investigation in the case continues.
