



NIA Conducts Searches in Purnea Arms Case : RC-05/2019/NIA/DLI

Today (13.10.2020), NIA conducted searches at the house of Chandra Vijay Pratap @ Sushil r/o Patna and premises of M/s Sanmario Pharmaceuticals Private Limited, located at Patna of which Chandra Vijay Pratap @ Sushil is the Director, in connection with investigation of Purnea Arms Case.

2. The case pertains to interdiction of an SUV and seizure of highly sophisticated weapons and ammunition on 07.02.2019 by Purnea Police from three persons viz. Suraj Prasad, Varenknow Kahorngam and Clearson Kabo. The weapons included 02 Under Barrel Grenade Launchers, 01 AK series rifle and 1800 rounds of 5.56 mm ammunition which were kept concealed and were being transported by the above mentioned three persons in the SUV. The local police registered FIR No. 35/19 dated 07.02.2019 at PS-Baisi against the three accused persons.

3. NIA re-registered the case as RC-05/2019/NIA-DLI dated 28.02.2019, under Sections 16, 17, 18, 18B & 19 of UA (P) Act, sections 414, 467, 468, 471 & 474 of IPC and sections 25(1)(a), 25(1A), 25(1AA), 25(1-B)(a), 26, 29 & 35 of Arms Act. During its investigation, NIA arrested 04 more accused namely Tripuari Singh, Mukesh Singh, Ningkhan Sangtam and Santosh Singh and filed Chargesheet against the seven accused persons.

4.. The investigation revealed that a large number of illegal sophisticated prohibited weapons and ammunition were supplied by accused Ningkhan Sangtam, a self-styled Major of NSCN (IM) through an arms dealer of Bihar to the absconding accused Bhikhan Ganjhu, Zonal Commander of the Tritya Prastuti Committee (TPC), a Naxal terrorist gang. Suspect Chandra Vijay Pratap @ Sushil had transferred a huge amount of funds to the account of accused Ningkhan Sangtam.

5. During the searches, several incriminating documents pertaining to monetary transactions have been seized.

6. Further investigation in the case is continued.
