



NIA COURT SENTENCES 4 MAOISTS TO RI IN 2014 CASE RELATING TO ASSAULT, ARSON, THREAT AGAINST KERALA POLICE PERSONNEL

The NIA Special Court, Ernakulam, on Friday sentenced to Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) the four cadres of CPI (Maoist) who were convicted on 9th April, 2024, in connection with a 2014 case relating to assault, threat and arson etc. against a Senior Civil Police Officer of Kerala Police.

Accused Roopesh has been sentenced to 10 years RI, along with Rs. 2.35 lakhs in fine, while accused Kanyakumari has been sent to 6 years of RI with Rs. 1.05 lakhs fine. Both of them were convicted under various sections of IPC and UA(P) Act. Accused Anoop, who was convicted only under UA(P) Act will undergo 8 years RI, with fine of Rs. 60,000, and accused Ibrahim has also been punished for offences under UA(P) Act to 6 years RI besides fine of Rs. 40,000.

The case was originally registered by Vellamunda police, and re-registered by NIA on 2nd January 2016 as RC-01/2016/NIA/KOC ((Vellamunda Maoist case). Eight accused were identified, of whom one, Ajitha @ Anu, was subsequently killed in an exchange of fire, while two others, Mahesh @ Jayanna and Sundari, are absconding. A reward of Rs. 10 lakh has been declared against each of the absconders.

The incident had occurred on 24th April 2014, at about 10.30PM, when, in pursuance of the conspiracy hatched by eight persons, including five activists of CPI (Maoist), had formed an unlawful assembly with deadly weapons, including AK-47 rifle. They had trespassed into the house of Shri A. B. Pramod, Senior Civil Police Officer of Kerala Police. They trained guns at him, threatened to kill him if he helped police in anti-Maoist operations and asked him to resign from his job. They committed mischief by setting his motorcycle on fire and also pasted pamphlets of proscribed terrorist organisation CPI (Maoist) in his house, calling for armed revolution against the Government of India.

The first chargesheet was filed against three accused, including Roopesh who had led the assailants. They were charged under various sections of IPC and UA(P) Act besides the Arms Act. On 30th January 2018, a supplementary chargesheet was filed against the trio, in addition to other co accused, under relevant sections of IPC and UA(P) Act.