



## **PROPERTY OF PFI MEMBER ATTACHED BY NIA IN COIMBATORE HINDU FRONT LEADER MURDER CASE**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has attached the property of a Popular Front of India (PFI) member involved in the 2016 murder of a Hindu Front leader in Coimbatore.

The property of accused Subair has been attached on orders of the NIA Special Court, Poonamallee, Chennai.

Subair, along with other co-accused, all members of the proscribed PFI, were involved in the gruesome killing of C. Sasikumar, Spokesperson, Hindu Front, Coimbatore.

Sasikumar was brutally hacked with lethal weapons while he was returning home from his party office on his two-wheeler on 22nd September 2016. The accused, Saddam Hussain, Subair, Mubarak and Rafiqul Hassan, had attacked the victim in front of Chakra Vinayaka Temple, under Thudiyalur Police Station limit, Coimbatore. Sasikumar sustained grievous injuries, and later succumbed to the same.

NIA took up the case from Coimbatore police and re-registered it as RC-03/2018/NIA/DLI. The agency found that the conspiracy was hatched by accused PFI members with the aim of creating terror among a particular community and without any provocation or enmity.

NIA, which has already chargesheeted all five accused in the case, found during investigation that Subair had, in 2020, transferred his property, purchased in 2012, to his mother via a gift settlement deed. Since the transfer took place after the commission of the crime and post filing of the chargesheet, it was seen by NIA as an attempt to thwart legal action against Subair. In 2023, NIA filed a petition seeking attachment and forfeiture of the said property u/s 33 of UA(P) Act. The special court, seeing merit in the application, ordered the attachment.

The trial in this case had commenced in 2022 and is ongoing.