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NIA Patna Court Sentences 6 to Imprisonment & Fine in 2016 Bihar Rly Track IED Planting Case

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The NIA Special Court, Patna, on Saturday sentenced six accused to imprisonment and fine under various penal sections in a 2016 case relating to planting of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) on the railway track near Ghorasahan railway station, Bihar.

The accused were involved in planting a Pressure Cooker IED on the railway track on the night of 30th September in a bid to blast a passenger train coming from Narkatiaganj, but the IED was spotted by local people and successfully defused before it could explode.

During the investigation, the local police established the involvement of accused Umashankar Raut @ Umashankar Patel @ Raju Patel, Gajendra Sharma @ Gajendra Thakur, Rakesh Kumar Yadav @ Rakesh, Mukesh Kumar Yadav @ Mukesh, Motilal Paswan @ Moti, and Ranjay Kumar Sah @ Ranjay.

While three of the accused were arrested initially by the local police, two accused were nabbed later by NIA on different occasions, which took over the probe in January 2017. The sixth accused had surrendered in February 2017. The chargesheet against all accused was filed by NIA in July 2017.

On 24th September, 2024, the NIA Court had held the accused guilty. Today the Court announced the quantum of the sentences against them under relevant sections of IPC, UA(P) Act, Explosive Substances Act and Railway Act.

The sentences pronounced by the court range from 5 to 12 years of imprisonment along with fine, and will run concurrently, with extension of 3 months imprisonment in case of non payment of fine.