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## NIA Press Release

NIA Chargesheets 10 CPI Maoist Operatives in 2023 Chhattisgarh Assembly Poll Blast Case

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday chargesheeted 10 persons, including three arrested overground workers of CPI (Maoist) namely Mohan Yadav , Bhupendra Dhruv and Lakhanlal Yadav and seven cadres of the banned terrorist CPI (Maoist) , in the 2023 Chhattisgarh assembly election blast case.

All 10 accused have been chargesheeted under various sections of IPC, Explosive Substances Act, and UA(P) Act.

The case relates to the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast that took place in village Badegobra of district Gariyaband, Chhattisgarh, during the state assembly polls last year. The case was initially registered as FIR no. 94/2023 at PS Mainpur, and re-registered by NIA on 22nd February 2024. During investigation , searches were also conducted in houses of arrested accused in Badegobra and Rs.2,98000/- and incriminating materials were recovered and seized.

The explosion had taken place in the afternoon of 17th November 2023 when the polling team, accompanied by security personnel, was returning from village Badegobra after completion of the voting process. One Head Constable of ITBP had died later due to the grievous injuries sustained in the blast.

Investigations have revealed that the attack was planned by CPI (Maoist) Central Committee Members Ganesh Uikey and Manoj, and Special Zonal Committee Member Satyam Gawade, in response to the outfit's call for boycott of the assembly polls in the state. Cadres of Gobra Dalam of the proscribed terrorist organisation had carried out the blast with the support of over ground workers (OGWs) from Badegobra and Chhotegobra village.

NIA is continuing with its investigation in the case.