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## NIA Press Release

NIA Spl. Court Sentences 03 Accused to 7 years RI in Chhattisgarh Maoist Explosives Supply Case

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03 men have been sentenced to seven years of Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) each, along with fine, by the NIA Special Court Jagdalpur, in a case relating to supply of explosive materials to cadres of the banned CPI (Maoist) terror outfit in Chhattisgarh.

The accused, identified as Semal Deepak, Nara Bhaskar and Telam Mutta, all belonging to Chhattisgarh's Sukma district, have been convicted and sentenced by the court under various sections of UA(P) Act and Explosive Substances Act.

All sentences will run concurrently, entailing 07 years in jail for the accused, along with Rs. 500 in fine. The convicts will be liable to another one month of RI in case of default in payment of the fine, as per the court's orders in the case RC-03/2024/NIA/RPR.

The three men, found to be overground workers of CPI (Maoist), were arrested in 2023 by the state police, who had subsequently recovered Electronic Detonator, Codtex Wire and gelatin from their possession. One more accused, namely Putti Pappy Reddy, was also later arrested but has now been acquitted by the court.

NIA investigations revealed that the accused were in touch with active Maoist cadres, and were involved in the procurement and supply of explosives and daily use items for these cadres. NIA, which took over the investigation from the state police in February 2024, found oral and documentary evidence to support the case against the accused, leading to their conviction and sentencing by the special court.