



### **NIA conducts searches at 12 places in RC-31/2018/NIA/DLI in Munger Arms Case**

Today (20.06.2019), NIA carried out searched at 12 locations in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh in connection with investigation of case RC-31/2018/NIA/DLI (Munger Arms Case).

2. The case pertains to recovery of 3 AK-47 along with other weapons on the disclosure of accused Shamsher Alam from the house of his sister and accused Rizwana Begum. Munger Police had registered a crime Number 323/2018 dated 07.09.2018 in Munger district. NIA re-registered this case as Case No. RC-31/2018/NIA/DLI u/s 380,414, 120B of IPC, 25,26,35 of the Arms Act,1959 and Section 39 of the UA(P) Act, 1967 on 05.10.2018. In this case a large number of prohibited weapons including AK series weapons were stolen and smuggled out of the COD, Jabalpur to various naxal organisations and criminal gangs.

3. On the basis of credible evidence collected during investigation, searches were conducted in the houses of suspect Hulas Pandey and his close associates at different places at Buxar, Bhojpur, Rohtas, Varanasi and Patna.

4. During the searches following articles have been recovered and seized:-

- i. 01 Rifle along with various cartridges.
- ii. Cash over Rs.29 lacs.
- iii. 04 Laptops, 05 Hand disk, 12 Pen drive,01 Computer.
- iv. 12 Mobile phones.
- v. Incriminating documents, including cash receipts and bank details.

5. NIA has arrested/remanded 15 accused in the case and so far 09 accused persons have been chargesheeted including kingpin of the racket Purushottam Lal Rajak, Suresh Thakur, Imran Alam and Niyajul Rahman. Total 22 AK rifles, smuggled from COD, Jabalpur have already been recovered. Investigation in the case is continuing.

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