



NIA Spl Court Convicts two accused in NIA Case RC-01/2018/NIA/HYD
(Visakhapatnam FICN Case)

On 26.06.2019, NIA Special Court, Vijayawada pronounced judgment in case RC-01/2018/NIA/HYD (Visakhapatnam FICN case) and sentenced two accused persons namely i) Mohammed Mahaboob Baig @ Azhar Baig (A-1) resident of Maddur Village, Mandya district, Karnataka and ii) Syed Imran (A-2) of Ganjam village, Srirangapatnam Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment with fine of Rs. 10,000 /- u/s 489B of IPC, 7 years' rigorous imprisonment with fine of Rs.10,000/- u/s 489C of IPC and 3 years' rigorous imprisonment with fine of Rs.10,000/- u/s 120B of IPC. These sentences will run concurrently as total imprisonment for ten years with fine of Rs.30,000/- each. In default of payment of fine amount, accused persons shall undergo simple imprisonment for a period of six months each for the offence punishable u/s 489B of IPC, six months each for the offence punishable u/s 489C of IPC and three months each for the offence punishable u/s 120B of IPC.

2. On 31.03.2018, DRI, Regional Unit of Visakhapatnam had seized Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) of face value Rs.10,20,000/-, in the denomination of Rs.2000/-, from the possession of aforesaid accused persons travelling in Howrah-Hyderabad East Coast Express at Visakhapatnam Railway Station and initiated proceedings under Sec.135 of Customs Act 1962 and formally arrested both the accused on 01.04.2018.

3. Later, NIA registered a case No.RC-01/2018/NIA/HYD on 15.04.2018 under sections 120B, 489B and 489C of IPC and filed a charge-sheet in the NIA Special Court at Vijayawada, after completion of investigation against i) Mohammed Mahaboob Baig @ Azhar Baig (A-1) and; ii) Syed Imran (A-2) u/s 489B, 489C r/w Section 120B of IPC, on 29.06.2018.

4. During investigation, it was found that the above accused along with their associates had hatched a criminal conspiracy for procuring and circulating fake Indian currency notes in India. Investigation has also revealed that the above accused persons and their associates in Bengaluru and Malda were active in trafficking of huge quantities of FICN since 2015 and accused had visited Malda on many occasions and received FICN from their associates based at there. Investigation revealed that FICN was procured from Bangladesh via Indo-Bangladesh International border and further circulated in Karnataka and other parts of the country.
