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NIA files Supplementary Charge Sheet in RC-02/2018/NIA/HYD
(Araku MLA & Ex-MLA Murder Case)

Today (12.07.2019), NIA filed a supplementary Charge Sheet in Case no. RC-02/2018/NIA/HYD (Araku MLA & Ex-MLA Murder case) in NIA Special Court, Vijayawada against Vanthala Dharmayya, aged 36 years, S/o Vanthala Somanna, resident of Araku Valley Old Post Office area, Araku Valley Mandal, Visakhapatnam u/s 120-B r/w 302 of IPC and sections 18 and 38 of UA(P) Act.

2. The case relates to the murder of Araku constituency MLA Shri Kidari Sarveshwara Rao and Ex – MLA Shri Siveri Soma on 23.09.2018 at about 1210 hrs near village Livitiputtu village, Pothangi Panchayat by cadres of CPI (Maoist), a proscribed organization, while the public representatives were going to village Sarai in their vehicles to attend a village visit programme called “Grama Darshini”. The case was initially registered at Dumbriguda Police Station vide Cr. No. 65/2018 and was subsequently taken over by NIA.
3. Vanthala Dharmayya was arrested by NIA during investigation on 16.01.2019. Investigation revealed that he was a Maoist sympathiser and he has played a key role in the conspiracy to commit the above murders. He used to remain in touch with the Maoists in their camps in the forest and used to extend logistical support to them. He is also associated with the other accused persons in the case.
4. NIA had earlier filed a Charge Sheet against other accused persons in the case viz. (i) Yedala Subba Rao, aged 45 yrs, S/o Sitaram, r/o Dumbriguda village, Visakhapatnam, (ii) Gemmili Sobhan, aged 32 years, S/o Sankara Rao, r/o Antriguda village, Visakhapatnam, (iii) Korra Kamala, aged 35 years, w/o Sanyasi, of Antriguda Village, Visakhapatnam and four absconding CPI(Maoist) cadres viz (iv) Venkata Ravi Chaitanya @ Aruna, aged 42 years, D/o Laxmana Rao, W/o Chalapathi, native of Village Karakavanipalem, District Visakhapatnam, (v) Jalumuri Srinu Babu @ Raino @ Sunil , aged- 40 years, S/o Somaiah, native of Dabbapalem Village, East Godavari, (vi) Kameswari @ Chandrika @ Swarupa, aged 40 years, W/o Late Duvvuri Srinu @ Ramesh, native of Bhimavaram town, West Godavari and (vii) Jappirayingi Satti Babu @ Dasu @ Babu @ Sudarshan, aged 52 years S/o Bojjayya, Buradakota Village, East Godavari.
5. Further investigation against other accused continues u/s 173(8) of Cr.P.C.
