



NIA Conducts Searches at 14 Locations in Tamil Nadu as Part of Investigation in RC-16/2019/NIA/DLI (Tamil Nadu Ansarulla Case)

Case RC-16/2019/NIA/DLI (Tamil Nadu Ansarulla Case) has been registered u/s 120B, 121A and 122 of the IPC besides sections 17, 18, 18-B, 38 and 39 of the UA (P) Act, based on credible information that the accused persons and their associates, owing allegiance to the proscribed terrorist organizations ISIS/ Daish, AL Qaida and Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), while being within and beyond India, had conspired and made preparations to wage war against the Government of India by forming the terrorist gang Ansarulla. The accused persons and their associates had collected funds and made preparations to carry out terrorist attacks in India, with the intention of establishing Islamic rule in India. Accused persons have been actively recruiting individuals to strike terror in India and have also been disseminating videos and other jihadi propaganda material exhorting their supporters to conduct terrorist attacks through various methods including the use of explosives, poison, knives and vehicles, as means of attack. NIA has arrested 16 accused persons in this case, hitherto.

2. On 20th July, 2019 NIA conducted searches at the residences of 14 arrested accused persons in this case, namely Mohamed Ibrahim (A-4), Mohamed Sheik Maitheen (A-5), Meeran Ghani (A-6), Gulam Nabi Asath (A-7), Ahamed Azarudhen (A-8), Toufiq Ahmed (A-9), Mohamed Ibrahim (A-10), Mohammed Afzar (A-11), Rafi Ahamed (A-12), Munthasir (A-13), Umar Barook (A-14), Mohideen Seeni Shahul Hameed (A-15), Faizal Sharief (A-16) and Farook (A-17). Searches were conducted at five locations in Ramanthapuram district, two locations in Theni district and one location each in Chennai City, Tirunelveli City, Madurai City, Tanjavur district, Perambalur district, Nagapattinam district and Thiruvarur district.

3. During the searches, 1 laptop, 7 mobiles, 5 SIM cards, 3 memory cards, 1 hard disk drive, 2 pen drives, 1 internet dongle, 9 CDs/ DVDs and about 50 documents have been seized. The seized materials will be submitted before the Hon'ble Special Court for NIA Cases, Chennai and the digital devices will be subjected to cyber forensic examination.
