



NIA files Supplementary Charge-Sheet in Purnia Arms Case

Today on 25 March, NIA filed a supplementary charge sheet in case RC-05/2019/NIA-DLI in the NIA Special Court, Patna u/s 120B of IPC read with Sec 123 of IPC, Sec 25(1) (a), 25(1A), 25(1AA), 25(1-B)(a), 26 & 29 of Arms Act and Sec 18 & 23 of UA (P) Act against Santosh Kumar (A-7)@ Santosh Singh @ Umesh Kumar s/o Late Lallan Singh r/o Village Horil Chappra, PS Shahpur, Distt Ara, Bhojpur, Bihar.

2. Case pertains to interdiction of highly sophisticated weapons and ammunition on 07.02.2019, by Bihar Police, including Under Barrel Grenade Launchers (UBGL), AK series rifle and large number of 5.56 x 45 mm ammunition from three persons viz. Suraj Prasad, Varenghow Kahorngam and Clearson Kabo travelling in a SUV.
3. Investigation has established that a large number of illegal sophisticated prohibited weapons and ammunition were supplied by an accused Ningkhan Sangtam, a SS(Self styled) Major of NSCN(IM) through illegal arms dealers of Bihar to Bhikhan Ganjhu, a Zonal Commander of TPC, a naxal terrorist gang, proscribed by the Jharkhand Government. Earlier two Chargesheets were filed against 6 other accused persons namely Suraj Prasad (A-1), V.R. Kahorngam (A-2), Clearson Kabo (A-3), Tripurari Singh (A-4) Mukesh Singh (A-5) and Ningkhan Sangtam (A-6) on 03.08.2019 and 22.11.2019.
4. Further investigations found that accused Santosh Kumar (A-7)@ Santosh Singh @ Umesh Kumar was one of prime members of the weapons trafficking network and their supply to naxals in Jharkhand. He had extensively used banking and hawala channels for transfer of funds for procurement of weapons and such transactions worth more Rs 2.2 Crores have been identified during investigation.
5. Further investigation against co-conspirators and other suspects including absconding accused Bhikhan Ganju continues.
