



NIA Arrests Two Accused in Jharkhand in a Terror Funding Case
Related to People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI)

Today (02.03.2020), NIA arrested two accused namely Jai Prakash Singh Bhuiyan, aged about 39 years and Amit Kumar @ Amit Kumar Jaiswal, aged about 35 years, both residents of Torpa, district Khunti, Jharkhand (associates of Dinesh Gope, Chief of PLFI) in NIA case RC 02/2018/NIA/DLI. Both the accused were produced before Hon'ble NIA Special Court, Ranchi today and have been taken on police remand for 5 days for further investigation.

2. Case RC-02/18/NIA/DLI pertains to seizure of Rs. 25.38 lacs in cash which was being deposited in SBI, Branch Bero, Ranchi on 10.11.2016. During investigation it was established that this money was part of a large scale extortion racket run by PLFI wherein the extorted levy amount collected from the contractors/ businessmen in Jharkhand was being invested into shell companies floated by PLFI members, associates of Dinesh Gope and his family members including his two wives. During investigation till now, cash/bank deposits of Rs. 68.17 lacs and other movable and immovable properties worth Rs. 70 lacs have been seized/ attached in this case. In more than two dozen bank accounts in the names of shell companies and family members of Dinesh Gope, transactions worth more than Rs. 2.5 Crores have also surfaced. NIA has already filed a charge sheet against ten arrested accused and one absconding accused.

3. On 29.02.2020, searches were conducted by NIA at five locations in Torpa, district Khunti, Jharkhand during which incriminating documents, electronic devices and other materials were recovered from premises of accused Jai Prakash Singh Bhuiyan and Amit Kumar @ Amit Kumar Jaiswal, who continued to be involved in further channelizing the illegitimate money of PLFI. Subsequent to searches, both the accused have been arrested today.

4. Further investigation continues.
