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## NIA FILES 2ND SUPPLEMENTARY CHARGESHEET IN JHARKHAND'S EX-MLA NAXAL ATTACK CASE

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday filed its second Supplementary Chargesheet in the case related to the Naxal attack on former MLA Gurcharan Nayak, in which two police personnel were killed in Jharkhand in January 2022.

Two accused have been named in the Chargesheet, filed in the NIA Special Court Ranchi. They have been identified as 25-year-old Tivari Bankira @ Shaka and 20-year-old Sadan Korah @ Sajan, both armed cadres of CPI (Maoist), a proscribed terrorist organisation. The duo, who hail from West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand, have been charged under various sections of IPC and UA(P) Act. While Tivari was arrested on 30th November 2022, Sadan has been in custody since 13th February 2023.

The attack had taken place on 4th January last year at High School Jhilrua, P.S Goilkera, District West Sighbhum. The Jharkhand police had initially registered the case (FIR no. 01/2022) at the local Police station. Subsequently, on 30th June 2022, the NIA had re-registered the case as RC-03/2022/NIA/RNC. Following investigations, NIA had charge-sheeted 14 accused persons on 31st December 2022 in this case.

As per NIA investigations, Tivari and Sadan were providing support to CPI (Maoist) for furthering its terror and violence realted activities and waging of a war against the Government of India. They were part of the conspiracy to carry out the terrorist attack on Gurucharan Nayak and his bodyguards. They were also part of the Special Action Team established by the banned terror outfit to execute the crime.

The two accused had attended the meeting in which the conspiracy to attack Gurcharan Nayak with deadly weapons at Project +2, High School Jhilrua, was hatched. They had done a recce of the spot a day before the incident and had also participated in the training to execute the attack.

