



NIA SPECIAL COURT SENTENCES 4 TO 10 YEARS IN JAIL IN INDIAN MUJAHIDEEN CONSPIRACY CASE

The NIA Special Court, New Delhi, on Wednesday sentenced four persons to 10 years of imprisonment in the Indian Mujahideen (IM) conspiracy case relating to the plot hatched by Pak-backed terrorists to trigger bomb blasts across India.

The four accused were in close association with IM members, including Pakistan-based key accused Riyaz Bhatkal and Yasin Bhatkal, based in India. They had done recce of important places, including Hyderabad and Delhi, and had also procured explosives as well as arms and ammunition.

The case pertains to the conspiracy hatched by the members of the Indian Mujahideen, which is responsible for carrying out various blasts in the country, including Varanasi blasts of March 2006, Mumbai serial blasts of July 2006, UP courts serial blasts at Varanasi, Faizabad and Lucknow in November 2007, Hyderabad twin blasts of August 2007, besides the Jaipur serial blasts, Delhi serial blasts and the Ahmedabad serial blasts in 2008. IM was also behind the Chinnaswamy, Bengaluru Stadium blast of 2010 and the Hyderabad twin blasts of 2013.

The accused, identified as Danish Ansari (Darbhanga, Bihar) Aftab Alam (Purnea, Bihar), Imran Khan (Nanded, Maharashtra) and Obaid-Ur-Rehman (Hyderabad, Telangana), were convicted on 7th July 2023, under UA(P) Act in the NIA case (RC-06/2012/NIA/DLI). They had been arrested between January and March 2013. Under the sentence pronounced today, the Special Judge also imposed fine of Rs. 2,000 on accused Danish Ansari and Rs. 10,000 on Aftab Alam.

The Special Court had earlier framed charges against the four, along with seven others, on 31st March 2023. The other seven have been identified as Yasin Bhatkal, Asadullah Akhtar, Zia-Ur-Rehman, Tehsin Akhtar and Hyder Ali. The trial against them continues.