



KEY ACCUSED IN EAST CHAMPARAN FAKE CURRENCY CASE SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS RI & FINE BY NIA SPECIAL COURT

A key accused in the East Champaran, Bihar fake currency case was on Saturday sentenced to 5 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI), along with fine, on various charges by the NIA Special Court, Patna, Bihar.

The accused, Raisuddin, has been sentenced to 5 years RI with a fine of Rs. 5000 under section 120B of IPC, with similar quantum of sentence and fine also awarded respectively under section 489B r/w 120B of IPC, section 16 of UA(P) Act, section 18 of UA(P) Act, and section 20 of UA(P) Act. All the sentences will run concurrently.

A resident of village Mohanpur, PS Vaishnavnagar, District Malda, West Bengal, Raisuddin was convicted on 18th August 2023 in the National Investigation Agency (NIA) case RC-15/2015/NIA-DLI.

He is the fifth person to have been convicted and sentenced in the case relating to the East Champaran, Bihar, Fake Indian Currency Notes case.

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Patna, had initially registered a case on 19th September 2015 in the matter following the recovery and seizure of high quality Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs) of face value of Rs. 5,94,000 from another accused, Afroz Ansari. Afroz was carrying this consignment of FICNs to Raxaul near the Indo-Nepal border for further delivery in Nepal.

NIA had subsequently taken over the case and re-registered it on 23rd December 2015.

Thorough investigations by NIA had led to the arrest and chargesheeting of eight accused persons over the last 8 years, on 22nd July 2016, 17th April 2017, 19th March 2019 and 5th July 2023. Of these, four accused, namely Afroz Ansari, Sunny Kumar @ Sunny Shaw @ Sujit Kumar @ Kabir Khan, Ashraful Alam @ Ishraful Alam and Alomgir Seikh @ Raju, were convicted by the NIA Special Court on 11th October 2018. They were sentenced for life and fined Rs 30,000 each. Trial proceedings against the remaining three accused are ongoing.