

# NATIONAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY

# MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NEW DELHI

# FINAL REPORT (U/S 173 (2) Cr PC)

# BEFORE THE HON'BLE SPECIAL COURT NIA, NEW DELHI

STATE (NIA)

V/s

SHEIKH AZHAR UL ISLAM AND OTHERS

1 Name of the branch : National Investigation Agency, New

FIR No. Delhi

Year RC-04/2016/NIA/DLI;

**Date** 2016

28.1.2016

2 Final Report / Charge Sheet : 09 / 2016

No.

**3 Date** : 25.07.2016

4 Sections of law : Section 120B of IPC and Sections 18,

20, 38 39 and 40 of UA (P) Act, 1967 as

amended.

5 Type of Final Report : Charge sheet

6 If Final Report : No

Un-occurred- False/

Mistake of Facts/ Mistake of Law/ Non-Cognizable/ Civil

**Nature** 

7 If charge sheeted: Original / : Original

**Supplementary** 

8 Investigating Officers: : Ajeet Singh, Superintendent of Police,

NIA, New Delhi

9 Complainant /
Source of information

Anurag Kumar IPS, Superintendent of Police, NIA, New Delhi and Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, IS-I division order number 11034/111/2015-

IS-IV dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

10 Details of Properties/ : As per list enclosed in Annexure

Articles/
Documents recovered/
Seized During investigation and relied upon

## 11. Particulars of accused person charge sheeted

#### 11.1 A-1

a.	Name	Sheikh Azhar ul Islam (A-1) @ Shaykh
		azhar ul Islam @ As_Gazi_S6, @ Fb
		Aseee India
b.	Father's Name	Abdul Sattar Sheikh
C.	Age / Date of Birth	16.03.1992 ; 24 years
d.	Sex	Male
e.	Nationality	Indian
f.	Passport Details	Passport number M8029662, date of issue is
		08.05.2015 and place of issue, Srinagar.
g.	Religion	Muslim
h.	Occupation	Student
i.	Address (Present)	Village Prang, Police Station Kangan, District
		Ganderbal 191131, Jammu and Kashmir.
j.	Address (Permanent)	Village Prang, Police Station Kangan, District
		Ganderbal 191131, Jammu and Kashmir
k.	Whether Arrested/ On	Arrested on 29.1.2016. Presently in Judicial custody
	Bail/ Absconding	up to 26.7.2016 in Tihar Jail New Delhi.

#### 11.2 A-2

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a.	Name	Adnan Hassan (A-2) @ anand mohammed @ Hasan Mohammad, @damudi123 @ saajidy @mohammadanand, @ Hassan, @anandmohammed @ Anand Gowda @ Adnan @ Anand
b.	Father's Name	Mohammed Hussain Damudi
C.	Age / Date of Birth	17.08.1980; 36 years.
d.	Sex	Male
e.	Nationality	Indian
f.	Passport Details	Passport No. K8436524, issue date 18.02.2013

		and issued from Dubai
g.	Religion	Muslim
h.	Occupation	Assistant Co-ordinator, World Trade Center,
		Dubai
i.	Address (Present)	House No. 26, Daman, Sagar Road, Bhatkal,
		North Kannar, 581320, Karnataka.
j.	Address (Permanent)	House No. 26, Daman, Sagar Road, Bhatkal,
		North Kannar, 581320, Karnataka.
k.	Whether Arrested/ On	Arrested on 29.1.2016. Presently in Judicial custody
	Bail/ Absconding	up to 26.7.2016. Presently in Tihar Jail New Delhi.

#### 11.3 A-3

a.	Name	Mohammed Farhan Shaikh (A-3) @
		frash912 Mohammed Farhan, @ fR@\$h,
		@ Qaqa Ibn Amr, @ Khalid ibn Waleed
b.	Father's Name	Mohammed Rafiq Sadique Shaikh
C.	Age / Date of Birth	12.09.1991; 25 years
d.	Sex	Male
e.	Nationality	Indian
f.	Passport Details	Passport number H7490133, date of issue is
		30.11.2009 and place of issue is Thane.
g.	Religion	Muslim
h.	Occupation	Data Entry Executive, Saif Zone Industry
		Networks, Dubai
i.	Address (Present)	Dost Apartments B-Building, C-wing, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor,
		Flat No. 18, Opposite Noorani Hotel, Kausa
		Mumbra District Thane 400612, Maharashtra.
j.	Address (Permanent)	Dost Apartments B-Building, C-wing, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor,
		Flat No. 18, Opposite Noorani Hotel, Kausa
		Mumbra District Thane 400612, Maharashtra.
k.	Whether Arrested /On	Arrested on 29.1.2016. Presently in Judicial custody
	Bail /Absconding	up to 26.7.2016 in Tihar Jail New Delhi.

12 Particulars of accused persons : Nil Not charge sheeted

13 (i) Particulars of Witnesses : Separate list attached as

examined Annexure-I

(ii) List of Documents : Separate list attached as

**Annexure-II** 

14 If FIR is false, action taken : N.A

15 Result of laboratory analysis : As per Annexure-II & III

#### 16. BRIEF OF THE CASE

**16.1.** The instant case RC-04/2016/NIA/DLI, dated 28.1.2016, under Section 120B of Indian Penal Code and 18, 18A and 18 B Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, as amended, was registered at PS NIA, New Delhi in compliance to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, IS-I division order number 11034/111/2015-IS-IV, dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 issued under Section 6 (5) read with Section 8 of the NIA Act, 2008, against three accused persons namely 1. Sheikh Azhar ul Islam son of Ab Satar Sheikh, resident of Prang, Kangan, Ganderbal 191131, Jammu and Kashmir, 2. Mohammed Farhan Shaikh son of Mohammed Rafiq Sadique Shaikh, Dost Apartments, B-Building, C-wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Flat Number 18, Opposite Noorani Hotel, Kausa Mumbra District Thane 400612, Maharashtra, and 3. Adnan Hassan son of Mohammed Hussain Damudi resident of House No. 26, Daman, Sagar Road, Bhatkal, North Kanara 581320, Karnataka.

#### 17. FACTS DISCLOSED DURING INVESTIGATION

- 17.1. The instant case was registered on 28.1.2016 at PS NIA, New Delhi under Section 120-B of Indian Penal Code and Sections 18, 18A and 18B of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Three accused persons namely Sheikh Azhar ul Islam @ Shaykh azhar ul Islam @ As\_Gazi\_S6, Fb Aseee India son of Ab Satar Sheikh, resident of Prang, Kangan, Ganderbal 191131, Jammu and Kashmir [as per his passport number M8029662] also Sheikh Azhar Islam son of Abdul Sattar Sheikh, resident of 50, Palang Partly, Post Office Wangath, Police Station Kangan, Ganderbal 191131, Jammu and Kashmir [as per Election Commission of India Identity card] (here in after referred as A-1), Adnan Hassan @ anand mohammed @ Hasan Mohammad, @damudi123 @ saajidy @mohammadanand, @ Hassan, @anandmohammed @ Anand Gowda @ Adnan @ Anand son of Mohammed Hussain Damudi, resident of House Number 26, Daman, Sagar Road, Bhatkal, North Kannara 581320, Karnataka (here-in-after referred as A-2) and Mohammed Farhan Shaikh son of Mohammed Rafig Sadigue Shaikh, resident of Dost Apartments B-Building, C-wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Flat Number 18, Opposite Noorani Hotel, Kausa Mumbra District Thane 400612, Maharashtra [here-in after referred as A-31 were arrested on 29.1.2016. The arrested aforesaid accused persons remained in Police custody up to 19.2.2016 and were sent to judicial custody on 19.2.2016.
- **17.2.** During the investigation, at the time of arrest of the aforesaid three accused persons on 29.1.2016, several electronic devices *[here in after referred as edevices]*, articles, items and documents with incriminating contents were seized from their possession. Out of the above seizures, 25 e-devices including laptops (04), tablets (02), mobile phones (07), SIMs (05), Micro SD cards (03), pen drives (02) and compact discs (02) and two credit / debit cards, seized on 29.1.2016 from the possession of the aforesaid three accused persons were forwarded to the Director General, CERT-in, vide letter number RC-04/2016/NIA/DLI/1368, dated 04.02.2016 for their forensic examination. The forensic examination report of the

expert of CERT-In, New Delhi was received on 12.5.2016 vide letter No. 4(10) 2016-CERT-In, dated 10.05.2016. The data extracted from the aforesaid e-devices was provided in a Portable Hard disk marked as RC-04-MR601-2-3 (Make: WD Elements S/N: WX11A16DDJ6), sealed in a separate cover as part of the aforementioned digital forensic analysis report. A true copy of soft data of the aforesaid report was also obtained in a separate hard disk [WXH1AA575DUT] from the CERT-In on 12.5.2016, in a separate hard disk, for investigation purposes. The prints out of the relevant portions of the data were taken and analysed. Forensic examination report in respect of exhibits forwarded vide letter number RC-04/2016/NIA/DLI/7358, dated 09.06.2016 was received on 15.07.2016 vide letter no 4 (10) /2016-CERT-In, dated 14.7.2016. The data retrieved from the exhibits examined was provided in a hard disk (Make Seagate, Model Back up plus, S/N: NA7YKF2E, size 1 TB) in a sealed cover marked as RC04-MR601-2-3R and its true copy serial number was also provided in a separate hard disk [NA7YKETM] for investigation purposes. The prints out of the relevant contents were taken and analysed.

- **17.3.** During the investigation, all the three arrested accused persons were subjected to custodial interrogation, while in police custody, and their disclosure statements were recorded. In pursuance of their disclosures made in police custody, electronic data from their emails, facebook and twitter accounts was recovered u/s 27 of Indian Evidence Act, 1872 on their disclosure and analysed for its incriminating contents.
- 17.4. Investigation has revealed that A-1, A-2 and A-3, in connivance with Khalidkhilji [herein after referred as KK], claimed to be resident of Pakistan, now in Dubai, UAE, user of mobile numbers and @Umm Muhajir S, @ Al Qana @ Ukhty, @anqqa123, @aanqaa123 (internet identity on facebook), resident of UAE, user of mobile number [here in after referred as AQ), along with some other known and unknown but active terrorists / operatives of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria [here in after referred as the ISIS1, a proscribed terrorist organization in India, hatched a criminal conspiracy to propagate ideology, recruit persons, raise funds and facilitate the travel of such recruited persons to Syria for furtherance of activities of the ISIS. In furtherance of the aforesaid criminal conspiracy, as its active members, they formed a self-styled organization to promote the ideology of the ISIS, by professing themselves to be its active members and supporting its online activities to attract and recruit potential aspiring youths in the ISIS from different countries including India.
- **17.5.** In furtherance of the aforesaid larger criminal conspiracy of supporting the activities of the ISIS, A-1, A-2 and A-3 became active members of the ISIS, with user names including but not limited to A-1 as Al Shaykh Aab'ie @ Shaykh azhar ul Islam [facebook] As\_Gazi\_S6 @ Al Shaykh Aab'ie [twitter], Fb Aseee India [whatapp], A-2 as @anand mohammad, Adnan Damudi and @ Anand Gowda

[facebook], Hasan [viber], anandmohammad04, Anandmohammad, and anand\_mohammad [twitter] @ Hasan Mohammad, @ hasan hasan (whatsapp), @damudi123, @ saajidy, @sajidy [skype], and

, and [email IDs]. and A-3 as @ frash912 Mohammed Farhan, @ fR@\$h [whatsapp], @ Qaqa Ibn Amr and @ Khalid ibn Waleed [facebook] on different several social media platforms and social networking sites. The aforesaid three accused persons, in connivance with others, formed various online forums and groups in the cyberspace, using internet and by inviting and associating like-minded persons, residents of different countries from different parts of the world. They formed a terrorist gang and acted as a frontal group of the ISIS for inciting, motivating, inviting and facilitating people of different nationalities to leave their respective countries and travel to Syria to support and further activities of the ISIS. They had remained actively involved in perpetuating, promoting and propagating ideologies and terrorist activities of the ISIS. A-1, A-2 and A-3 had voluntarily advocated and professed to be the supporters and members of the ISIS and actively supported, invited support from others, propagated and promoted unlawful activities and terrorists activities of the ISIS by exhorting, inciting, luring and influencing others to become members of this organization by disseminating incriminating contents including sharing comments, pages, videos, images, literature and openly endorsing, justifying and glorifying the terrorist acts of the ISIS.

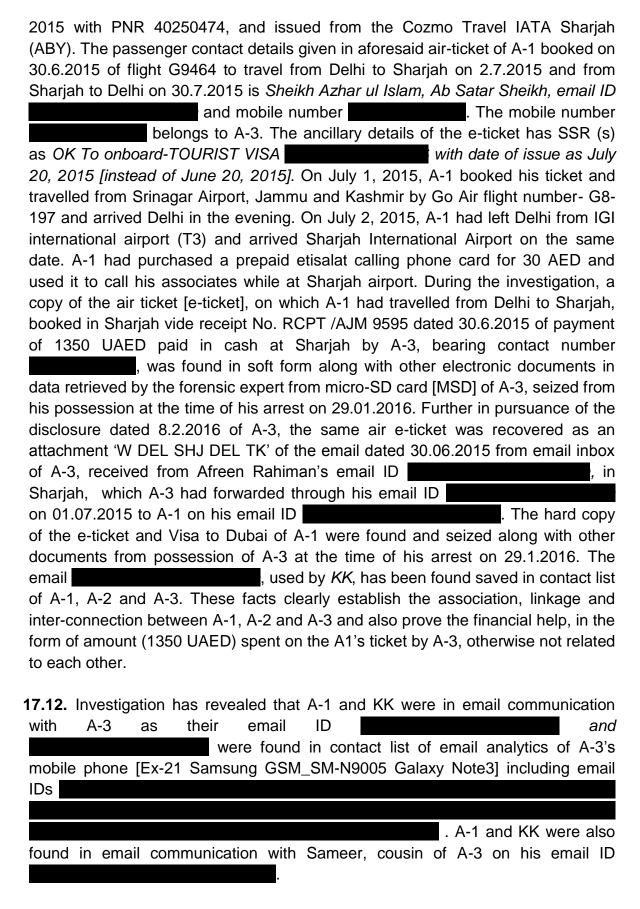
- 17.6. In pursuance of their larger criminal conspiracy, the aforesaid three accused persons had created multiple email IDs, despite being repeatedly disabled and blocked by the Internet Service Providers, for contraventions of accepted terms and conditions of such online services, used mobile phones of their online associates residing in different countries, formed multiple online social groups, hiding their original identities, exploiting the anonymity that internet and virtual world offer, misused the cyberspace and social networking sites and conspired against the Governments of different Sovereigns including the Republic of India, by organizing online meetings of like-minded persons, sharing views, comments, endorsing and justifying the terrorists acts of the ISIS and also incited and instigated people to disregard national boundaries, motivated them to join the ISIS and facilitated and guided them to travel from their native countries to territory declared as the ISIS.
- **17.7.** Investigation has revealed that in pursuance of the aforesaid larger criminal conspiracy, the aforesaid accused persons acted as a terrorist gang / organization and raised, collected, received and distributed terror funds for recruitment of persons for the ISIS and facilitated them in acts preparatory to migrate from India and other countries to reach the Syria, the ISIS territory and further its activities.
- **17.8.** During the investigation, some documents containing incriminating contents were also seized from the possession of A-1, A-2 and A-3 at the time of their arrest

on 29.1.2016. The sample handwriting of the accused persons were obtained and both questioned documents and sample handwritings were forwarded to the FSL, Rohini, Delhi for forensic examination and the opinion of the handwriting expert to ascertain the authorship of the relevant contents in these questioned documents. The forensic examination report is still awaited. Besides a hand written letter in Urdu language of Gulshan Bhanu, mother of A-2, containing contents relevant to thre investigation, was also seized from the possession of A-2. The sample handwriting of Gulshan Bhanu, mother of A-2, was taken and forwarded to the FSL, Rohini for its comparison with the aforesaid questioned document [letter]. The forensic examination report is still awaited.

Assistance in Criminal Matters between the United States of America and the Republic of India [here in after referred as the MLAT], pertaining to the email IDs and other internet services on social networking sites, subscribed and used by the accused persons for communicating with their handlers and associates of the ISIS, was forwarded to the Central Authority of the United States of America on 17.03.2016. Another request under the MLAT was forwarded to the Central Authority in the United Arab Emirates on 31.03.2016, for collection of evidence from Dubai, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi, in respect of all the three accused persons relevant to the period of their stay in the UAE, and pertaining to their associates in the UAE. The execution reports of both the aforementioned requests under the MLAT are still awaited.

17.10. Investigation has established the inter-connection, association and linkage between A-1, A-2 and A-3 and their known and unknown associates including but not limited to KK and AQ. A-1 was in contact with and had saved contact number of *KK* and of AQ in his phonebook and contact list. The mobile number of KK was also found written on reverse side of a visiting card, seized from A-1 at the time of his arrest. A-2 had saved KK's second mobile number as khilj. A-3 had saved KK's mobile numbers and as khld and khld2, respectively. The mobile number of KK was also found in the list of participant members of A-3's whatsapp group namely we are family. A-1 with his mobile number was one of the members of one of the whatsapp groups namely News About Muslim, created and administered by A-2, using mobile number A-2 had saved A-1's mobile number against code name Fb Aseee India. A-1 had got some more members belonging to the Jammu and Kashmir added in the aforesaid whatsapp group of A-2.

**17.11.** Investigation has revealed that in pursuance to the aforesaid criminal conspiracy, A-1 had received an e-ticket of his return journey from Delhi to Sharjah dated July 2, 2015 [flight number G9464] and Sharjah to Delhi on July 30, 2015 [flight number G9465] of Air Arabia, booked, and purchased by A-3 on June 30,



**17.13.** Investigation has revealed that A-2 had received, raised and collected 3000 UAED [equivalent to Rupees 53,202] in Dubai and had transferred and delivered it to *Mohd Abdullah Basith @Abdullah @ Musaib* son of Abdul Arif resident of Hafez

Babanagar, Chandrayangutta, Hyderabad through Mohammed Mujtaba son of Mohammed Ismail, resident of House Number 17-1-4/4/1, Edibazar, Opposite Band Naka, Hyderabad, now in Dubai, having Indian passport number N8162454 and and user of mobile numbers The aforesaid Mujtaba had deposited through Mohd Ismail an amount of Rupees 53202 on July 28, 2014 through Yes Bank in the bank account number of the ICICI Bank, Charminar branch, Hyderabad of Hannan Qureshi, his relative and resident of Hyderabad. Hannan Qureshi gave that money to Mohd Abdullah Basith, who had used it to pay to the passport agents in the process of preparation / renewal of the passport of his own, his sister and one Adnan Ahmed under the Tatkal Scheme and Tourist Visa of Turkey. Further investigation has established that Abdullah Bashit in connivance with his associate namely Adnan Ahmed son Khalil Ahmed, resident of Hafiz Baba Nagar, Chandnarayangutta, Hyderabad, had also raised additional funds by illegal means to pay for preparing the travel documents including passport and Visa in order to travel to Turkey to go to Syria to participate in the activities of ISIS. A-2 was in contact online [internet] with Abdullah Basit, Ms Sana and Hanan Qureshi, members of the Hyderabad based ISIS module, initially on facebook and then telegram with Sanna and Hannan Qureshi and had saved their mobile numbers as Sana Hanan and as Sana Hyd Sana. A-2 had also saved the mobile number of as Sana Mujtaba. A-2 and Mujtaba had contacted each other and met near Reef Mall at Al-Rigga, Dubai in July, 2014, and A-2 gave 3000 UAED to Mujtaba for Abdullah Basith.

17.14. During the investigation, A-1 was arrested on 29.1.2016 and electronic articles and items and documents seized from his possession include 1. One Black colour 4 GB Sony Pen drive, 2. One Sony Xperia C2305 Black colour Mobile having IMEI number- 0 with purple colour back cover, 3. One Toshiba black colour 16 GB Micro SD Card (found in Sony Xperia C2305 handset), 4. Two white colour CDs (partially broken) of CD-R model (Number-7070 142 RD 22738 and 7070 142 LC 22739) (700 MB each), 5. One Indian Passport number M8029662 in the name of A-1 issued from Passport office Srinagar on 08-05-2015, 6. Six Hundred Eighty Dirham and Two Hundred Twenty Five Indian Currency in brown colour wallet, 7. One voter ID card of Sheikh Azharul Islam, 8. One receipt of Sony Xperia mobile from liver Watch House on its back side one mobile number and address is written, 9. Photo copy of Air ticket of Air Arabia in the Sheikh Azharul Islam, AbSatar Sheikh, name of ) Delhi to Sharjah dated 02.07.2015 ). and Sharjah to Delhi dated 30.07.2015 with agent detail as Cozmo Travel IATA Sharjah (ABY) 02 sheets, 10. One photocopy of air ticket Go-Air in the name Mr. Sheikh Azharul Islam, Srinagar to Delhi dated 01.07.2015, 01 sheet, 11. One visiting card of Aijaz Ahmad Dar, managing director of Mike Victor Travels 1st Floor, near Srinagar Times Office, Budh Shah Chowk, Srinagar, having hand written one phone number + , on its reverse side, 12. Boarding pass of Air Arabia dated 02.07.2015, 13. One boarding pass of Etihad Airport Services, PNR- SSTFLX ETKT 6071619078865-0 dated 28.01.2016 from Abu Dhabi to Delhi, 14. One card of Etisalat, 15. One Boarding Pass of Go-Air, Srinagar to New Delhi dated 1 July, 2015, 16. One photocopy of Visa of *Mr. Sheikh Azharul Islam Ab Satar Sheikh* dated 20.06.2015 with validity till 18.08.2015, 17. A spiral bound Note Book with black cover (front and back divided in five section each separated coloured sheet, having total page 302 out of that 51 pages found written in manually, and 18. Two coins of UAE.

**17.15.** During the investigation, out of the aforesaid seizure made from A-1, the electronic devices and items seized from his possession including one pendrive, one mobile, one micro SD card and two CDs were got forensically examined from the CERT-In. The softcopy of the retrieved digital data / files retrieved from these e-devices was provided vide forensic reports, dated 10.5.2016 and 14.7.2016, into the portable hard disks marked as RC04-MR601-2-3 (Make: WD Elements S/N WX11A16DDJ69) and RC04-MR601-2-3R (Make Seagate, Model Back up plus, S/N: NA7YKF2E, size 1 TB), respectively.

17.16. During the investigation, in pursuance to the disclosures made by A-1 while in police custody, documents containing incriminating contents, comments and images pertaining to the ISIS were recovered at his instance from his facebook account ShaykhAzharUllslam and twitter account Al Shaykh Aab'ie @As Gazi S6 and accounts of his associates namely Asam Kazimiercz(@RadicalAkhi5) and Karen Aisha Muslimah (@KarenAbidah). The posts of A-1 establish his affiliation with the ISIS, such as the five aims of Shariah, Deen, life, intellect, Honour can never be protected without Khilafah. Such is Kashmir the Country, which may be conquered by forces of spiritual love (Mujahideen) but not by the armed forces, and Islamic State, which is a state that is governed exclusively by Islam. Allah (SWT) addressed the Messenger (PbUH). Investigation has revealed that A-1 used facebook account by the name ShaykhAzharUllslam, with profile http://www.facebook.com/ shaykhazhar. ulislam.5. email address registered on 30.5.2015. Other email address mobile and number used is . During the investigation, it has been revealed that A-1 used twitter account with user name Al Shaykh Aab'ie @As Gazi S6. The data retrieved from https://witter.com/AS\_Gazi\_S6/with\_replies from the twitter account by the name Al Shaykh Aab'ie @ As Gazi S6 with then 691 tweets, 88 followings, 152 followers and 350 likes with last tweet of 30 June, 2015. A-1 as Al Shaykh Aab'ie @ As Gazi S6 had tweeted on June 28, 2015 "From Inside the holy mosque of #Mecca again: I pledge allegiance to #ISIS Caliph al-Baghdadi..#Saudi, 471 torture chambers after every 5 KMs across Kashmir "Every 5th Kashmiri is a victim of worst torture", on 27.6.2015, Just gotta beautiful advice from my imam mujahid Talib May Allah swt protect you and all mujahideen of hag#Saameen; As you see going for a meeting wif...., on June 21, 2015, Allahu Akbar Bayah from the Mujahideen in # Caucasus to the caliph (Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi), on 20.6.2015 Islamic State (#IS) flag was on Friday waved during a rally in south Kashmir's

Anantnag district. pic.twitter.com/o2CSTjKYB3, on June 12, 2015 Dawlah has gained support from Kashmir in 2013, 2014, 2015, alhamdulillah it's a sign of demolishing of nationalism, on 26 May 2015 The only language between u (Ayuhal Kuffar) And us is the sword that will strike out necks @ irhabiya96 @irhabiya01, on 24 May 2015. Make dua for mujahideen in Deir ezzor and hasakah, enemies are on major offensive, on 21.5.2015, Encouraging Others To Fight Jihad Al Shaykh Aab'ie; "Say, "Die in Your Rage! Al Shaykh Aab'ie. The followers of A-1 on twitter also include Karen Aisha Muslimah (@KarenAbidah) and following Adam Kazimiercz (@RadicalAkhi5). The settings of the twitter account AlShaykhAab'ie shows URL as http://www.kalamullah.com and email and profile photo of the settings bears Islamic State logos.

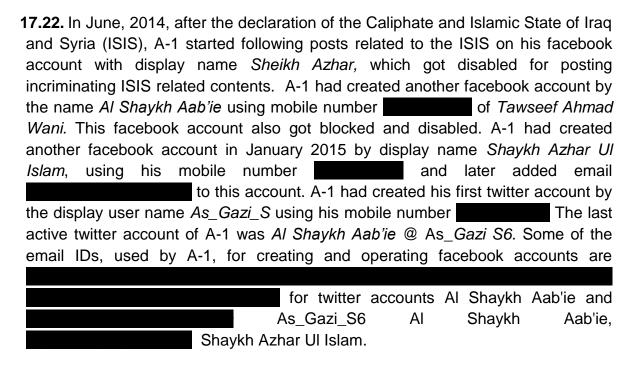
17.17. Analysis of the forensic analysis reports of CERT-IN, New Delhi dated 10.5.2016 and 14.7.2016, in respect of mobile, seized from A-1 at the time of his arrest has revealed that A-1 was in telephonic contact with his handlers and user of ISD mobile number (AQ, believed to be an Emirati girl) and (KK, Khalid @ Khalidkhilji). A-1 was also in contact with Khalid. and *Umm Muhajir S*, both operatives user of email ID of ISIS, residing in UAE, through facebook, twitter and whatsapp. A-1 had , twice on June 29, 2015. KK and AQ were contacted common links between A-1, A-2 and A-3. Further A-1 had also remained in contact with user of mobile numbers and in Pakistan, of Saudi Arabia. Further A-1 of Bangladesh, and has revealed that he was in possession of and as such has also posed with an AK series assault rifle and used ISIS flags in the background of this image.

**17.18.** During the investigation, it has been established that A-3 and KK had shared the use of email ID

17.19. During the investigation, it has surfaced that A-1 got radicalized towards Jihadi activities and had joined the ISIS, under the influence of provocative, inciting, radicalizing and inflammatory conversations and jihadi contents laced / loaded speeches delivered by various speakers in the local mosques in the guise of religious preachers. He also got self-radicalized by following, sharing and circulating contents related to Jihad and terrorist activities of the ISIS online in various social networking sites including but not limited to facebook, whatsapp, telegram, twitter, VKontakte (VK), surespot, etc. A-1 was an active user of social media and had created and used multiple accounts in facebook [Azhar Gazi, Sheikh Azhar], twitter, whatsapp, telegram, surespot and VKontakte and through these forums came in contact with the ISIS operatives belonging to India and other countries including Anta Qalby Malak @ Muslima Sameeh from U.K on facebook, Moulvi Talib Lone of Ganderbal, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir in person, and Zia Bhat of Kashmir besides A-2 and A-3.

17.20. A-1 used to browse, search and read Jihadi speeches on internet and terrorists' quotes for self-radicalization. A-1 had posted quotes on facebook and twitter and got self-radicalized by online contents of speeches of Islamic scholars of ISIS including but not limited to Anjem Chaoudhary, Abu Barra @ Mizanur Rahman, Abu Haleema, Abu Rumaysah and Abu Izzadeen, and Musa Jibril. A-1 was in contact with the ISIS operatives, active on twitter including Abu Dujan, Karen Aishia, Marayam Khalil, Marayam Obaid, Lone Wolf, Kashmiri witness and Jannah Deen. Others contacts are Marayam Khalil from Austrialia or America, Karen Aishia from Philippine; Abu Dujan, who distributed online books in English related to ISIS, Marayem Obaid [unknown person]; Jammah Deen, an Australia girl; Kashmiri witness, an unknown resident of Kashmir, and Lone Wolf, user name as Zia Bhat. A-1 had obtained the ISIS related incriminating material online from Aadhil AX (internet identity) and his facebook and twitter pages namely Adhil AX and Did You Know?. Did u Know? is a page both on twitter and facebook founded by Aadhil AX, who posts information about the past wars of Islam, and the history of the commanders of Islamic forces.

17.21. A-1 had also subscribed to many channels and pages on twitter actively sharing and circulating inciting, provocative and inflammatory contents relating to terrorist acts in Kashmir including but not limited to Lost Kashmir History, Truth of Kashmir, Kashmir in Photos, Prisoners of Kashmir, and Project Kashmir. A-1 was radicalised by one Moulvi Talib Lone [hereinafter to be referred as Moulvi], user of mobile number and Zia Bhat (an internet identity), user of facebook user names Zia ul Islam Kashmiri and Zia Bhat and two twitter accounts namely Knightriders and Lone Wolf, actively involved in sharing and circulating incriminating related to the ISIS contents. The CDR analysis of mobile number of A-1, revealed that A-1 remained in telephonic mobile number contact with Moulvi during the period between 3.4.2015 and 01.07.2015 and had contacted Moulvi thrice on July 1, 2015. Other persons who had radicalized A-1 include online unidentified identities by the name Hashim Faroog, Musa Kashmiri @ Abu Sulymani, Sahir Sufyan. The important pages with provocative and inflammatory contents related to previous incidents happened in Kashmir for arousing emotions in Kashmir against India on twitter are Lost Kashmir History, Truth of Kashmir, Kashmir in Photos and Prisoners of Kashmir. ISIS related pages liked by A-1 include Islamic State Clips for Videos, Islamic News Around the World Khilafa News, Islamic State of Iraq and Sham, Authentic Tawheed, Islamic State News, Live Clips of Islamic State, and The saved group. A-1 used to get the ISIS activities related material online from Light Revelations, Truth Productions, Aadhil X, Did you Know? pages, 'Islamic State Clips' ISIS videos and images and audio clips. A-1's source of books on the ISIS was Mohammad Azhar [facebook identity], who is believed to be from Bangladesh and used to send A-1 books and speeches of Islamic State online in English in PDF. A-1 had downloaded pictures and videos of ISIS in mobile phone, now seized, and used to write about the ISIS in his personal notebook / Diary based on material taken from internet (part of the seizure dated 29.1.2016).

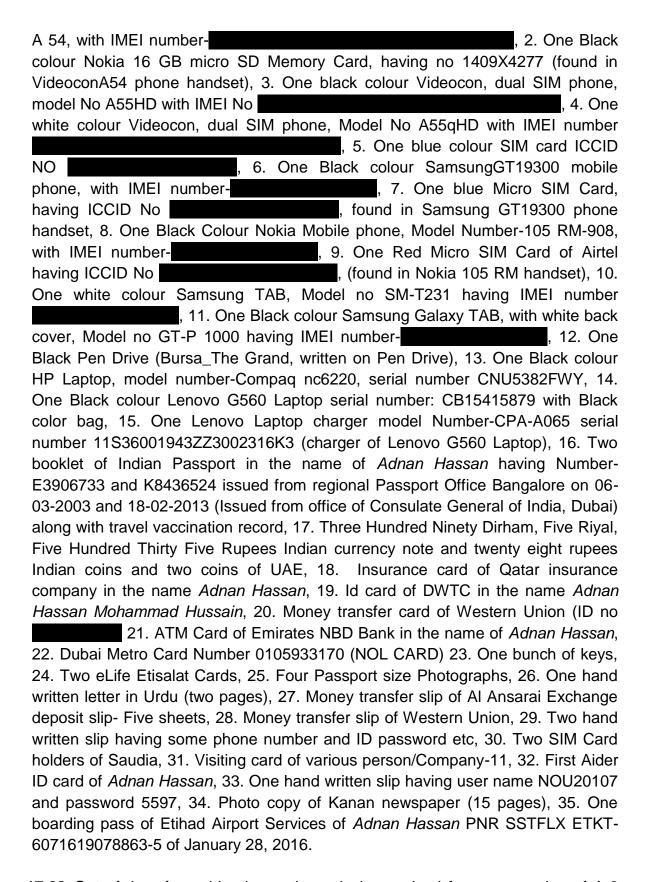


- **17.23.** Investigation has revealed that in April-June, 2015, A-1 came in contact with AQ to help one Mujahid-al-Islam, claimed to be a resident of Bangladesh, residing in Dubai, who wanted to go to Yemen to join Al Qaeda. A-1 started verification of AQ from his online contacts. A-1 obtained from AQ her mobile number on twitter and added her in whatsapp. AQ once sent A-1 a message with an image of three bundles of Dirhams [UAED] and passport of UAE on whatsapp and stated that she and her friend had 1,00,000 UAED for distribution to those who were in Dubai and wanted to join the ISIS.
- **17.24.** Investigation has revealed that A-1 had downloaded VKontakte [a.k.a VK], a messaging application, on the instruction of his facebook associates namely Abu Khidr and A.Ibrahim. Besides A-1, his other associates who used VKontakte included Abdulkhalim Ash-Shishani, KK, Abu Khidr, A.Ibrahim, Amz Lycn, Waldeena Irhabiya, Noor ul Hayati, Ananda Taheera, etc on VK. A-1 used VK display names @SheikhAzhar15 and ALSHEIKHAABIE to chat with Waldeena Irhabiya, Noor ul Hayati, Abu-Jo Al Steel, Ananda Tahira @ Amzz Lycn and KK on Vkontakte. A-1 wanted to know and verify about AQ and discuss about her with Waldeena Irhabiya (Irabhiya95) and KK on Vkontakte. A-1 discussed on Vkontakte with KK about two Boys in Dubai interested to join Aq, download of surespot, asking Waleeda Irhabiya to assist AQ for transfer of money, hijra / migration to and joining ISIS and how much money should we collect from Kashmir or Arab. A-1 had chatted with KK on VK in April 2015 and shared that a few months before one Mujahid al Islam had texted on facebook seeking financial help, which A-1 had posted on ISIS related twitter account and AQ had desired to financially help those boys in Dubai to go to IS. During the chat, KK had asked A-1 to download and use Surespot for such chats.

**17.25.** Investigation has revealed that A-1 had got his Tourist Visa prepared from Mike Victor Travels, Budshah Chowk, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir in June 2015. On 28.6.2015 and, A-1 sent a scanned copy of his passport as attachments (02) to email of KK from his email ID As Gazis< . On June 29, 2015, A-1 had sent scanned copy of his visa as an attachments (02) from his email As Gazis< to email of KK. On June 30, 2015, A-1 had received copy of his return air ticket "Delhi-Sharjah-Delhi Tkt.doc" on Surespot which was not legible. On July 1, 2016, A-1 received a copy of the aforesaid ticket on his email As Gazis< from an email On July 1, 2015, A-1 along with Tawseef Ahmad Wani, Zubair Ahmad Sheikh and Basit Ahmad Wani had arrived Srinagar airport, purchased Goair ticket, departed from Srinagar airport at 1700 hrs and arrived Domestic terminal airport Delhi at around 1900 hrs. A-1 left Delhi from IGI airport T-3 to Dubai by G9 Arabia flight at 4:40 AM on July 2, 2015. On 28.01.2016, A-1 arrived New Delhi by Etihad Airlines Flight Number EY 224. A-1 disclosed that he remained under the custody of UAE authorities during the period between July 2, 2015 to January 28, 2016.

**17.26.** During the investigation, it has surfaced that A-1 (*Shyaykh Azhar Ul Islam*) was in contact with A-3 (Qaga Ibn Amr) on facebook and Mad Mullah (@majertenyy), one of the prominent ISIS operatives on twitter. A-1 was also in contact with Anandah Taheera @ Amz Lycn on Vkontakte. A-1 got introduced to A-2 on facebook. A-2 used to share video links, speeches video, images, written text related to ISIS activities on facebook timeline and facebook pages and whatapp group page. A-2 had disclosed in one whatsapp chats in group where A-1 is also one of the members that he is *Adnan Hassan* from India. In this whatsapp group both A-1 and A-3 had contributed many posts with incriminating contents. Some of the relevant posts of A-1 as Fb Aseee Indiareproduced as that Akhi can you add this Brother . I lost three account today, Unfortunately also my page, There's no admin. Islamic state of Kashmir (4/21/2015), Kashmir has welcomed both dawlah and al Qaeda, Anyone from. Dubai, I Said is anyone from Dubai or anyone who wants to make hijrah, Seriously, What's bad in it, if someone wants to help akhi Robbie.., But I thought many 're in need of financial support, Khayrn carry on (4/25/2015), This is a group for news about khilaafa, (4/29/2015), you shouldn't add such people who's not aweat, Awear, Yes that II be good akhi hasan, (5/8/2015), Why do they hate dawlah, (5/21/2015), And remember nowadays all kuffars are equal and should killed akhiand mushrigeen, (5/23/2015), NATIONALISM Is Haram (coal of hellfire), they are doing it fastly, (5/24/2015), Lol jn thugs on sljz, (5/25/2015), JABAHAT AL khusra dogs, (6/5/2015), Angrrrrrry, Kashmir is very weak in ageeda, Except some percents, (6/6/2015).

**17.27.** During the investigation, A-2 was arrested on 29.1.2016 and e-devices, articles, items and documents seized from his possession at the time of his arrest included but not limited to 1. One white colour Videocon dual SIM phone, model no



**17.28.** Out of the aforesaid seizure, the e-devices seized from possession of A-2 including Cell phones [05], SIM cards [03], Tablets [02], Laptop [02], Pendrive [01] and Credit / Debit cards (02) were got forensically examined from the CERT-In vide letters dated 4.2.2016 and 9.6.2016. The forensic examination reports dated 10.5.2016 and 14.7.2016 in respect of aforesaid e-devices was provided into the

portable hard disks marked as RC04-MR601-2-3 (Make: WD Elements S/N WX11A16DDJ69) and RC04-MR601-2-3R (Make Seagate, Model Back up plus, S/N: NA7YKF2E, size 1 TB). As per the report, the suspected micro SD card [01] was found to be in broken, non-working condition and data from it could not be recovered. The suspected items [02], marked as Exh-26 and Exh-27, are payment (debit/credit) cards of Emirate Islamic Bank and Skrill Banking. The suspected item cell phone [01] marked as Exh-07-ME could not be interfaced to connect to the mobile forensic workstation and the digital data could not be extracted from this cell phone using the tools. Hence, as per International practices in such circumstances, videography of the LCD monitor screen of this mobile phone, marked as Exh-07-ME, was done to record the contents in the cell phone by browsing through them manually using the keypad.

17.29. A-2 was in contact with the ISIS operatives from various countries including Australia, Bangladsh, Egypt, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Serbia, Sudan, Srilanka, Saudi Arabia, UAE and United Kingdom. A-2 had saved the contact numbers of several online supporters and associates of the ISIS, obtained from his list of facebook friend, with suffix fb [fb stands for facebook]. A-2 had created multiple whatsapp groups, with different mobile numbers and user names includina but not limited @s.whatsapp.net (hasan hasan), @g.us, Islamic house (Islamic house), @g.us, Islamic discussions, Islamic Knowledge [ ], Islam is Peace [ and Hasan mohammad, my whatsapp / News About Muslim [ had created a whatsapp group in April, 2015, using mobile number with his display name as Hasan mohammad and as administrator of this group, added several members in this group participants including A-1, who contributed and posted incriminating contents relating to terrorists activities of the ISIS. In April, 2015, A-2 had discussed on whatsapp with one of his contacts named Bhk A M Ammar, user of mobile number, , resident of Bhatkal, that he is the actual user of South Africa mobile number and wanted him to add him to all whatsapp group and do not disclose his identity. A-2 was the actual user of multiple mobile numbers, obtained from different countries and saved as code names My Du Number ( ), My New Du ), My Unknown ( My (+ ] of *Viber (*+ ) and My Land ( whatsapp [ A-2 had saved the mobile numbers of his father as Bapa Du ( ) and ). A-2 had obtained the mobile number Serbia from one of his associates namely Fb Suad Serbia, who is the user of with Fb Suad Serbia during March- June, 2015 on whatsapp. Suad Serbia had provided A-2, on his demand, multiple mobile numbers including but not limited to

other social media accounts.

17.30. Analysis of the chats in whatsapp group, created by A-2 with mobile number has revealed that many incriminating contents pertaining to the ISIS had been shared by A-2. Some of the relevant chats shared by A-2 [Hasan )] with dates are reproduced as that, Subject changed Mohammad ( to News about Muslims, Dear brothers please don't share my number with anyone, If anyone interested to join this group u can provide their number without saying my name to them, I trust u akhi, Dear brothers please don't share my number with anyone, (4/19/2015), I m not able to post in fb page, India, I need to make new fb n page to get news n post, Subject changed to What id the name n from, Welcome brothers, No discussion no arguments only posting about islam n news, Adnan?, I will post news just follow, I will post news just follow, (4/20/2015), Fb block me again, Yes but with one of my bro help, Without him I cant, Thats y create this .so if fb block I still have in c ontact, I have created new page with same name please like n share (4/21/2015), Huge news US pilot caught alive, Nationality not yet confirmed nut its colation pilot, The kuffar have arrested our brave brother Abu Haleema may Allah make him strong and patient (4/22/2015), I will remove if anyone start chatting in this group. If u want then msg them one to one. Keep this group only for news or sharing islamic knowledge (4/26/2015), Democracy is a man-made system, meaning rule by the people for the pbeople. Thus it is contrary to Islam, because hukm (rule) is for Allah, Anyone from srilanka here (5/1/2015), HUGE COLLECTION OF ISLAMIC BOOKS (ENGLISH ONLY) (5/5/2015), It's not like war, Just attack(5/6/2015), I will remove who think IS is jews .be careful before u podt, Post\*, I will give them last chance if i see again post a against IS they will b out, (5/8/2015), You can give any number to add but that person u need to trust, Subject changed to 1431134042, Give full number with name n country name (5/9/2015), https://www.facebook.com/ pages/ Islamicnews-around-the-world-4, My page, (5/11/2015), Please no chatting here. Kindly msg private, May Allah make it easy for Dawlah 2 librate, (5/14/2015), M block again, (5/21/2015), Any idea whose number, N said that was his number n he is in this group from that number n now he has Indian number, Need to check if that number is in this group, Group, Sure ?, So he is lying, He is not here, He was in US as per him, N he msg me saying to add his indian number bcoz he is now in india, (5/26/2015), My id got block will make new n give, Damam shia temple blast, Is there any reason required to kill kafir?, (5/29/2015), ISIS is now at the gates of Al-Hasakah; these next few hours will be critical, (6/4/2015), The person who supports khilafat through twitter is much more better than the coconut grand mufti who opposes Khilafat (6/16/2015), I am planning to change my whatsapp number brothers, Just to get new number n group, Will update once I do, (6/17/2015), Anyone here from uae, I need some one from dubai, (6/21/2015), 12 Medical Students from Sudan Leave to Join Islamic State (6/30/2015), Kuffar are behind me, They block my all fb(7/1/2015).

17.31. A-2 had extensively used various social networking sites and forum including but not limited to <i>Orkut</i> , <i>Nimbuzz</i> , <i>Google Talk</i> , <i>facebook</i> , <i>whatsapp Youtube</i> , <i>Viber</i> , <i>Skype</i> , <i>Telegram</i> , <i>Twitter</i> , <i>Wickr</i> , <i>Kik</i> , and <i>Surespot</i> to watch, posicirculate and share text, audio, videos containing material related to terrorist activities of ISIS and motivate others, known and unknown, who are associated with him on social media for <i>jihad</i> and terrorist activities and incite and promote them to join the ISIS. A-2 had created and used multiple email ID
and faceboo
account with user / display name as Anand Gowda,, for whatsap groups, and for Skype chats. A-2 is the user of email ID, saajid (skype), (Google Talk) and my Viber). A2 had
created and used e-mail IDs and to contact with . A-2'
Skype account are with user ID/display name as Saajidy (mobile+
and Damudi123 ( with mobile + has been used in Google Talk and
Skype application. A2 had also created and used facebook ID: <i>Anand Mohamme</i>
(ID and Twitter ID: anandmohammad04, Anandmohamma
and anand_mohammad with his several followers to watch, post and share text videos related terrorist activities of the ISIS. Further, A2 had also created facebook account with user name as Adnan Damudi (ID Anandmohammad as his both Kik and Twitter ID.
<b>17.32.</b> During the investigation, the documents seized from the possession of A-2
at the time of his arrest also included one letter in Urdu written by his mother namely Gulshan Bhanu wherein she had expressed her anger, disappointment and knowledge of online unlawful activities of her son, A-2. These document included money transfer slip of Western Union, whereby A-2 in March, 2014 had transferred 1300 UAED from Dubai to <i>Yehlam De Guzman Feira</i> , resident of Philippines. A-2 had used his Western Union Gold card number 592094436 for aforesaid money transfers to his ISIS associates. A-2 has an account in National Bank of Dubai (NBD) with internet banking.
17.33. Investigation has revealed that A-2 was also in contact with Karen Aisha a
Muslimah @ Karen Aisha Hamidon, user of mobile numbers + saved by A-2 as code name Karen, and as keren new. On Ma 29, 2015, Karen became a part of @g.us Islamic hous (Islamic house) group. On May 31, 2015 Karen had suggested the group members the Google and WhatsApp will be forced to hand messages to MI5. Please don't be reckless in what you say, nor discuss anything controversial online with friends

family, and strangers alike. The same goes for passing around controversial videos. Remember, what you share on whatsapp enters into other people's media at times and not everyone has this feature disabled. So don't get others in trouble as well. On June 6, 2015, Karen in response to one query of Fb Hibz Yati, another member of the group, suggested that Better ask Ustadz Abu Baraa Mohammed Mizanur Rahman about it? Accused persons namely Mohammed Naser in NIA cases RC-05/2016/NIA/DLI, and Mohammed Sirajuddin in RC-14/2015/NIA/DLI, in connivance with Karen Aisha al Muslimah @ Karen Aisha Hamidon, resident of Philippines, were involved propagating ideology of the ISIS by sharing and circulating text messages, images, videos and making telephonic calls to Indian youths inciting them for recruitment of the ISIS. Mohammed Sirajuddin, user of mobile number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and an accused in case RC-05/2016/NIA/DLI, dated 29.2.2016, against whom charge sheet has been filed under Section 120-B of IPC and Sections 13, 18, 38 and 39 of UA (P) Act, 1967 was also found in contact with A-2, as one of the participating members of whatsapp group Dawlatul Islam News.

**17.34.** During the investigation, A-2 had disclosed that he remained associated and in contact with Indian Mujahideen (IM) and its cadre. A-2 had figured in the online discussion and chat in between IM cadres which establishes his association with the IM.

@Amzz Lycn, user of mobile number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, resident of the Philippines, Taheera Bhatt and Areeb Majeed, all ISIS operatives and close associates. A-2 in connivance with KK, had raised, collected and distributed fund to many ISIS operatives. A-2 in connivance with KK had arranged and transferred funds to Ananda Taheera @Amzz Lycn. During the investigation, A-2 had disclosed that he shared his own account number with KK who deposited 5000 UAE into A-2's bank account. A-2 had to return the money back into a bank account number given by KK, which later turned out to be the account of A-3.

17.36. During the investigation, it has surfaced that the radicalisation of A-2 towards Jihad and other anti-national activities had started in 1998 when one of his school mates namely Siddique Ishaqui, gave him audio cassettes containing jihadi contents. He got further radicalized in 2004 in Bhatkal from a library Ibn nehajar Askalani, started by Singhari and Dars-e-Quran conducted at the house of Riyaz Bhatkal and Iqbal Bhatkal, both IM cadres. A-2 was further radicalized by Akhtar, resident of Rajasthan, whom A-2 had met at Darul uloom Nadwa College, Lucknow. In 2006, during Daras e Quran attended by around 100 persons including A-2, Iqbal Bhatkal had advocated killing of non-Muslim and fighting against India. A-2 had been in close contact with operatives belonging to Indian Mujahideen (IM), now in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Syria. A-2 had visited and stayed in Dubai annually since his first visit to Dubai in March 2008. He last came to India and left for Dubai in 2014 and then returned to India in January 2016. He had also once visited Saudi Arabia. A-2 got further radicalized under the influence

of his colleagues and associates, and also got self-radicalized by following the provocative and inflammatory material available online. In October 2011, while in Dubai, A-2 was further motivated by one *Samar al Deen*, resident of Syria, his work supervisor in Dubai World Trade Centre. *Samar* used to talk to A-2 about terrorist activities in Syria and atrocities committed on Syrians. He motivated A-2 to go to Syria and join the ISIS. *Samar al Deen*, used to show to A-2 the videos of the ISIS. A-2 got interested to know more about the ISIS and started regularly browsing internet and YouTube for songs, images and video on the ISIS and collecting information about the ISIS. A-2 got influenced and started liking activities and songs of the ISIS. He created his own pages on facebook and twitter and started posting news images and videos of the ISIS collected from different sources.

17.37. Investigation has revealed that A-2 had influenced many Indian youths, motivated them to join the ISIS and promote its activities. He remained in close association with his many associates of the ISIS [mostly facebook identities] in India and abroad, including but not limited to Omar Khan, claimed to be the resident of Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, presently in Australia, user of Australian Jahansheer Ali, user of mobile number mobile number + + claimed to be resident of Aligarh, Janbaz Omar, Zahid Khan Pathan and Jundullah Abu Mujahid from Kashmir, Jamal Ahmed from Tamil Nadu, user of mobile number Arbaz Siddigui and Yasir Siddigui, residents of Bhopal, users of mobile numbers and email ID *, Ehtsham Haq*, user of mobile number is , Shahbaz, Anum Mohammad Khan, Pathan Abdullah, Ehsan Mallik, Bilawal Manzoor, Habeeb Pathan, Ansar Pathan, and Zillur Rahman from different unknown places in India. The foreigner contacts of A-2 include As Raph [Malaysia], Abdur Razzak Rashied [Nigeria], Nur Parida, Gurabha Shaheeda, Karen Aisha, March Forth, Bint Abbas and Dawla Lioness Rosselyn Rose, and Amzz Lycn [Philippines], Safya Yasin [America], Suad Serbian [Serbia], Ahammed Ibrahim [Riyadh, Saudi Arabia], Bhon Pongal [Philippines], Buthul Siddique [Pakistan]; Daniyel Narjis Lujain [Bangladesh] and Dom Minick Ahmed, user of mobile number + [Some European country]. During the investigation a detailed list of phone and internet contacts of A-2 retrieved from his phonebook contact list, facebook, whatsapp, skype, google talk, viber and other internet applications has been prepared and incorporated in the documents.

**17.38.** Investigation has revealed that A-2 was in contact with *Abdur Razzak Rashied* from Nigeria, who helped A-2 to create new whatsapp groups by providing him mobile numbers of Nigeria and transmit codes. A-2 had created multiple facebook pages which include the series of page namely *Islamic News Around the world (1-4)*. Other facebook pages followed by A-2 were *Religion of Justice and Wake up Bhatkalies* and he also liked page such as *Gazwath-tul-Hind*, in which A-2 had posted hadees related to *Gazwath-ul-Hind* and asked *to make dua to part of this gazwa* and *Battle of Ayodhya*. A-2 had copied picture which had

black flag and written *Battle of Ayodhya Be ready for This*; *Bilad\_al-Sham*, on this page A-2 used to share his page whenever it used to get blocked and would share this page on his facebook page. A-2 had liked many facebook pages including but not limited to *i*) *Al-Isabaha*, *ii*) *Ansarrullah.com*, *iii*) *Bhatkal Muslim Youth*, *iv*) *Bhatkal is My City*, *v*) *Islam is one ways no other way*, *vi*) *Bokoharam*, *vii*) *Dawah of a Muslimah*, *viii*) *Jamia Islamia Bhatkal*, *ix*) *Chinese Muslims*, *x*) *ISIS News*, *xi*) *Mission Dawah*, *xii*) *Authentic Tawheed* and *xiii*) *Gazwath-ul-Hind*.

17.39. Investigation has revealed that A-2 had arranged a meeting of Mohammed Khawaja Lateefuddin @ Abdul Latif and Abdullah Basith, both residents of Hyderabad, over phone to co-ordinate amongst them their travel plans to go to Syria [the ISIS]. A-2 was in communication with Hyderabad based ISIS module which comprised of Abdullah Basith, Sanna, Hannan Qureshi, Abrar, Maaz, Faroog, Adnan, Noman and Lateef. Abdullah Basith along with his three associates namely Noman, Abrar and Maaz had gone to Kolkata and attempted to migrate to Syria via Bangladesh and Afghanistan in August 2014. Further, Abdullah Basith in December 2015 along with his two associates namely Maaz and Omer Faroog Hussaini had gone to Nagpur to go to Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, with the intention to again attempt to go to Syria via Kashmir, POK [territory under the control of Pakistan], Pakistan and Afghanistan. A case FIR No.323/2015, dated 27.12.2015 of PS, Central Crime Station [CCS], Hyderabad was registered against three accused persons namely Abdullah Basit, Maaz and Omer Faroog Hussaini. Abdullah Basit and his associate Noman were in online contact with Zahid al Hindi @ Sameer Khan @ Shafi Armar and his conduits namely Qasim and Ubeid, who had guided them to go to Kolkata in August 2014 and had arranged contacts for their crossing over to Bangladesh and further going to Afghanistan. Abu Hamza Al Muhajir from Syria, was in contact with Abdullah Basith and his sister Sana. Abu Hamza Al Muhajir wanted to marry Sana. A-2 and Ghuraba Abu Mariam @SK Gurabha @ Aishah Qureshi were in contact with Abu Zakariya, an ISIS operative in Syria. Abu Zakariya was also in contact with Noman, Abdullah Basith, and Sanna, members of the aforesaid Hyderabad based ISIS operatives. Abu Zakariya intended to marry Sanna, sister of Abdullah Basith and was guiding and helping this group to reach the ISIS. He used to have group discussion and propagate ideology of ISIS and had created Jihadi Matrimony to arrange marriage of the ISIS operatives and guide them to travel to Syria. Investigation has revealed that Noman had received funds to the tune of Rupees 25,000/- for hijra, from an ISIS operative through Western Union channel and had deposited Rupees 7,000/- into the bank account of one Thabrez, an ISIS operative, resident of Tamilnadu through Indian Overseas Bank branch Karimnagar.

**17.40.** During the investigation, it has surfaced that A-2 was also in contact with Areeb Majeed and Fahad Tanwar Shaikh @ Abu Bakr Al Hindi @ Magnet Gas, accused in case RC-1/2014/NIA/Mumbai dated 28.11.2014 in which charge sheet has been filed against Areeb Majeed under Sections 16, 18 and 20 of UA (P) Act,

- 1967. A-2 came in contact with *Areeb Majeed* through *Ananda Tahira* @ *Amzz Lycn*, user of mobile number + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, resident of the Philippines, one of his friends on facebook and also on Kik. *Ananda Tahira* @ *Amzz Lycn*, a supporter of IS was in close contact with *Taheera Bhat*, resident of the Philippines and who had claimed herself to be wife of *Areeb Majeed*.
- 17.41. A-2 was in contact with Zahid\_Al\_Hindi @ Sameer khan @ Shafi Armar who had made and used multiple facebook ID's such as @Abu Saif, @Abu Osama Al Hindi. In 2014, @Shafi Armar delivered one SIM card at A-2's office in Dubai World Trade Centre through his unknown friend (unknown) in Dubai. A-2 had communicated with @Shafi Armar on facebook using his email ID @ In September, 2015 @ Shafi Armar had asked for help from A-2 in Bangladesh to provide shelter to his associates. @ Shafi Armar had also once requested A-2 to raise, collect and send funds for Anshar-ul-Tawheed [here in after referred as AuT] by cheating, robbery or via Credit Cards fraud and even in the name of charity for Masjid and also to find like-minded people for recruitment in AuT and the ISIS. Investigation has revealed that around March-April 2014, Shafi Armar had sent to A-2, the videos of training of AuT cadre and giving Bay'ah, on oath of allegiance to the Caiphate.
- **17.42.** Investigation has established that A-2 also came in contact with *KK* on facebook as both were posting ISIS related contents. A-2 in connivance with *KK* had arranged and provided 5000 UAED [Dirhams] to *Ananda Tahira* @*Amzz Lycn*, user of mobile number + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sympathizer, motivator and operative of ISIS from Philippines, for preparing visa of Turkey as she wanted to go to Syria via Turkey. A-2 came to know from A-3 on 28.1.2016 at Abu Dhabi airport that he was the same *Mohammed Farhan* in whose account A-2 had transferred 4500 UAED [Dirhams] on the directions of *KK*.
- 17.43. Investigation has established that A-2 had motivated many people by posting news, comments, videos images photographs and online commentary of Islamic Scholars, supporters of ISIS to attract more people to join this proscribed terrorist organization in India. A-2 started working for ISIS since October-November, 2013. A-2 had created several facebook pages twitter account and whatsapp group and posted news, videos and photos regarding ISIS on them. A-2 was in contact with several active ISIS operative including *Areeb Majeed*, an accused in case RC-01/2014/NIA/MUM, dated 24.11.2015 u/s 125 of IPC and Sections 16, 18 and 20 of the UA (P) Act, 1967 and *Shafi Armar*, accused in case RC-14/2015/NIA/DLI, dated 9.12.2015 u/s 125 (B) of IPC and 18, 18B, 38 and 39 UA (P) Act, 1967.
- **17.44.** During the investigation, A-2 had disclosed to have come in contact with A-1 on facebook [since mid 2014 and in January 2015] and twitter, while A-2 was searching for someone directly from ISIS to facilitate him reach Syria. In response to his search on social media, *Shaheeda Gurabah @skguraba one of his contacts*,

had suggested A-1's name, as ISIS contact in India. A-2 contacted A-1 who gave him the contact namely KK. A-2 remained in contact with A-1 both, on facebook and whatsapp group Islamic news. On twitter, A-1 [As\_Gazi\_S6] was in contact with A-2 [anandmohammad].

17.45. A-2 in connivance with *KK* and A-3 has raised, collected and distributed fund to facilitate recruitment of persons for the ISIS and their migration from their native places to the ISIS including *Ananda Tahira* @ *Amzz Lycn*, user of mobile number an active ISIS operative, resident of the Philippines, and A-1 and other ISIS recruits.

17.46. During the investigation, A-3 was arrested on 29.1.2016 and e-devices, articles, items and documents seized from his possession include 1.One Black colour Samsung Mobile Phone model SM-N9005 bearing IMEI Number-351542/06/807199/8, 2. One Black colour Toshiba micro SD memory card of 2GB model no SD-C02G HAVING no 1119RG9016L (Found in Samsung SM9005 Handset, 3. One Blue colour Micro SIM card (found in Samsung SM-N 9005 Handset), 4. One black colour Compaq Presario CQ60 Laptop bearing S/N; 2CE8389Q22, 5. One Black colour Dell Inspiron N5010 Laptop bearing S/N:43G4QP1 with black color Laptop Bag, 6. Two card of National life and general in the name of Mohammed Farhan Shaikh, 7. Two U.A.E Metro cards, 8. One Master card of Emirates Islamic Bank in the name of Mohmmed Farhan, 9. One Money transfer card ( ) of UAE Xchange in the name of Mohammed Farhan, 10. One Master card of SkrillBankin the name of Mohammed Farhan, 11. One card of SHUKRAN, 12. One card namely DUNKIN DONUTS, 13. One White Card, 14. Three Hundred Thirty Dhirham, Two Hundred Sixty Indian Currency note and 100 Omani Baisa in his wallet, 15. One lose sheet of diary on which some account number and phone number has been mentioned, 16. Seven money transfer slips of Western Union (money transferred to Sarra Ghribi in Tunisia), 17. One money transfer slip of Western Union (money transferred to Jannah Qassim in Philippines), 18. One money transfer slip of Western Union (money transferred to Johaira L Macasimpang in Philippines), 19. Photo copy of tourist visa of Azhar ul Islam, 20. Photo copy of Air Ticket of Azhar ul Islam, 21. One boarding pass of Etihad Airport Services, PNR- SSTFLX ETKT -6071619078864 - 6 in the name of Mohammed Farhan Shaikh dated 28.01.2016, 22. One idea SIM ( . One Indian Passport no H-7490133 in the name of Shaikh Mohammaed Farhan issued from thane on 30-11-2009, 24. 32 Coins of different amount of UAE, 25. One broken mouse dongle of HP.

**17.47.** The e-devices including the laptop hard disks, SIMs (02), and Micro SD card (01) of A-3 were got forensically examined from the CERT-In, New Delhi. The softcopy of the retrieved digital data / files retrieved by the forensic experts of CERT-In from aforesaid e-devices was provided vide reports dated 10.5.2016 and 14.7.2016, into the portable hard disks marked as RC04-MR601-2-3 (Make: WD

Elements S/N WX11A16DDJ69) and RC04-MR601-2-3R (Make Seagate, Model Back up plus, S/N: NA7YKF2E, size 1 TB). Analysis of the aforesaid reports has revealed that A-3 was an active member, supporter, sympathizer and financier of the ISIS and was actively supporting, inviting support, organizing online meetings and guiding people to reach the Syria for ISIS. A-3 in connivance with his associates has raised, collected and distributed funds for furtherance of the activities of the ISIS, facilitating operatives of the ISIS to travel from India to Dubai.

17.48. Investigation has revealed that A-3 got self-radicalized during his stay in Ajman, UAE by listening to and watching provocative Islamic lectures and speeches of Anjem Choudary, Dr. Yasir Qadhi of USA [twitter] Majid Mahmood of Canada, Yousuf Estates of USA, Mufti Menk of Zimbabwe, Hamza Usuf of UK, Hamza Tzortzis of UK, Imran Mansoor of UK and Omar Elbanna of Australia. A-3 started actively collecting information on ISIS after declaration of caliphate in June 2014 and got self-radicalized by following the ideology of ISIS by September, for creating his 2014. A-3 had created an email ID facebook account Khalid ibn Waleed in the month of August 2014, primarily to follow the ISIS related posts, images, videos and online lectures of Minazur Rahman of UK @ Abubaraa, Abuwalid of UK, Musa Cerentonio of Australia, Shaikh Feiz of Australia and Ahmed Jibril of USA who supported and justified the terrorist activities of the ISIS through Quran and Hadees. A-3 under the influence of these Islamic preachers and having been impressed by the lectures of above speakers, became supporter and follower of the ISIS from September 2014. A-3 had shared Isuch ectures with his associates of the ISIS on facebook and Youtube. A-3 started planning to go to Syria. A-3 created many email ID's for creating his facebook accounts which were getting repeatedly disabled due to the ISIS related contents. Most of his posts related to the ISIS were contained in this facebook account by the display name as Khalid ibn Waleed.

17.49. A-3 had extensively used internet for using online applications online including emails, whatsapp, facebook, hangouts, Google drive, facebook messenger, Kik, skype, snapchat, tumblir, IMO and twitter. A-3 had made and used multiple email IDs including but not limited to and . A-3 had also used Indian mobile numbers and Analysis of the data extracted and forensic reports dated 10.7.2016 and 14.7.2016 of the e-devices seized from A-3. has revealed that A-3 had remained in contact with and shared incriminating chat and contents with Abu Khalid Al Amriki [saeedabdulhafeez], Akh Raggah [Abotayeb], Nicholas Rovinski [treadlightly1], Anwar Awalaki [shaykh.anwar] and Ashleyy [ashleyrashae] on Kik, Raf Saprtak (Saprtak ), Khld and Amy on whatsapp and Alp Baghatur, Ahmed Naxyr, Abu Joe Al Steel and Abu Mus'aß Al-Hind on facebook. A-3 had also created 2 facebook accounts by the display name as Qaba ibn Amr by using an USA based application, which provides free USA mobile number for this purpose. A-3 had also created twitter account with display name Weyand Charles using his email ID . A-3 was

also using hangout. Azhar Al Shaykh Aab'ie @ Shaikh Azhar ul Islam [A-1] was in A-3's list of facebook friends.

17.50. During the investigation, it has surfaced that A-3, user of mobile number had chatted on whatsapp with khd during the period from April 1, 2015 to June 22, 2015.

17.51. During the investigation, it has surfaced that A-3 [frash912Mohammed farhan] had sought help from @abotayeb Akh raggah, @akh [an internet identity] while chatting with him on kik to facilitate hijra for a girl from Tunisia and had discussed his own plans of going to Syria. In January 2015, A-3 met on phone and facebook with Sarra Ghribi, a resident of Tunisia, user of mobile number , saved in his phonebook as Srh, a supporter and sympathiser of ISIS and interested to migrate to Syria. A-3 had discussed with Raggah @ Abotayeb on KIK (AKh Raggah) Sarra's plan to go to Syria on fake Syrian Passport, travel from Libya to Syria and join the ISIS. A-3 had transferred to Sarra Ghribi, resident of Tunisia, 3894.24 UAED [Dirhams] in seven instalments through Western Union [229.44 UAED on 5.2.2015, 1535.85 UAED on 21.2.2015, 1235.40 UAED on 1.3.2015, 1235.50 UAED on 01.03.2015, 1007.40 UAED on 10.3.2015, 931.00 UAED on 6.4.2015 and 191.10 UAED on 24.4.2015 starting from February 5, 2015 to April 24, 2015. Seven slips of above transactions were seized from possession of A-3 at the time of his arrest on 29.1.2016. A-3 also transferred through Western Union on 24.6.2015 an amount of 1257.63 UAED to Jannah Qassim, and 846.75 UAED on 24.6.2015 to Johaira L Macasimpang, both residents of the Philippines.

**17.52.** Investigation has revealed that A-3 came in contact with KK on facebook, and added him in whatsapp with his mobile number and remained in telephonic contact with him on mobile numbers and Surespot. During the period between February 2, 2015 and July 2, 2015, A-3 met KK in person 5 times, 4 times at his place of work [car showroom in Ajman, UAE] and last time on July 2, 2015 near A-3's house on the date of their arrest. KK had once told A-3 that one person from Russia, 2 persons from Bangladesh (residing in UAE), 1 from Nigeria, 1 from India namely Shaikh Azhar-ul-Islam, 1 from Qatar namely Abdul Quddus and his own brother residing in Saudi Arabia are likely to go to Syria to join the ISIS. KK had assigned A-3 the task to look for people who were interested to go to Syria to join the ISIS from the UAE. KK was pressurising A-3 to find more people for the ISIS. A-3 found a boy namely Ahmed Naxyr from Maldives on facebook, who was ready to go to Syria and had asked for 1500 Dirhams (UAED) for hijra from A-3. KK had declined to help Ahmed Naxyr. KK told A-3 to find people who are either in Dubai or likely to travel to Syria via Dubai. On 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2015, KK had told A-3 that there is a boy from Chechan in Turkey who wants to go to Syria. KK told A-3 to tell Raggah @ Abotayeb[online identity] to help and pick that Chechan boy from Turkey. A-3 asked Raggah @ Abotayeb on Kik messenger who told A-3 that he would not help anyone else

except A-3 primarily because many people who are coming from Chechanya and Russia are actually spies.

17.53. Investigation has revealed that on 23.4.2015 KK had shared with A-3, his mobile number , his mail ID and its also password another on whatsApp. A-3 had used email account . On April 23, 2015, KK had texted A-3 on WhatsApp that he would soon give A-3, 5000 Dirhams inshaAllah. During a meeting on 25.4.2015, KK had told A-3 about his chat on whatsapp with A-1. A-3 had disclosed that on June 2, 2015, KK had transferred 5000 UAED in A-3's bank account number in Emirates Islamic Bank, Ajman, UAE. KK and A-3 had connived to raise, collect and transfer funds to Sarra Gharibi of Tunisia and two persons namely Jannah Qassim and Johaira L. Macasimpang, residents of Philippines, affiliated to ISIS. A-3 came to know about A-2 only when he met him in the flight from Abu Dhabi to Delhi on 28.1.2016. A-2 had disclosed to A-1 and A-3 on board that he had transferred money in A-3's bank account number the Emirates Islamic Bank, Ajman, UAE. Further, A-2 had transferred 4500 Dirham in A-3's account on the direction of KK and after that KK gave A-3, the details of 2 girls from the Philippines on whatsapp and surespot. On KK 's direction A-3 transferred through Western Union 2100 Dirham-to aforesaid 2 girls from the Philippines and of the remaining 2400 Dirhams, used 1350 Dirhams for e-ticket of A-1.

17.54. Investigation has revealed that on June 30, 2015, A-3 had booked A-1's Airticket from the Cozmo Travel Agency, Ajman, UAE. Afreen Rahiman, resident of the UAE, booked the return e-ticket of A-1 from Delhi to Sharjah on 2.7.2015 and Sharjah to Delhi on 30.7.3015. She forwarded the soft copy of ticket on A-3's email A-3 downloaded e-ticket on his mobile and took the snapshot of air-ticket and forwarded that snapshot to KK on Surespot. KK told A-3 to forward air-ticket directly to A-1 on his email ID A-3 had forwarded the soft copy of aforesaid ticket to A-1 on his mail on 1.7.2015. A-1 arrived in Sharjah on July 2, 2015 and purchased telephone calling card from Sharjah airport and had called KK several times. In the same evening A-3 along with KK were also apprehended by the UAE law enforcement authorities. Subsequently A-3 was released on 28.01.2016 and sent to Abu Dhabi Airport and sent back to India.

17.55. Based on the aforementioned facts, the online activities of the accused for sharing the incriminating photos / images / videos, contents of the chat and messages establish that the accused persons, A-1, A-2 and A-3 in furtherance of the criminal conspiracy had actively supported, invited support from others, propagated and promoted activities of ISIS by inciting, luring and influencing others by disseminating incriminating contents and endorsing, justifying and glorifying the terrorist acts of the ISIS. It is further established that these accused persons have made such comments during chat with their associates on facebook,

whatsapp, twitter, Vkontakte, and other messaging services that clearly establish their membership and association with the ISIS and its operatives.

17.56. Based on the evidence collected during the investigation, it is established that in pursuance of their larger criminal conspiracy of furtherance of the activities of the ISIS, a proscribed terrorist organization in India, A-1, A-2 and A-3, in connivance with their known and unknown associates have acted as a terrorist gang as well as its active members and had posted online incriminating contents supporting and inviting support from others in its favour and for furtherance of the activities of this proscribed terrorist organization and extended their allegiance to the ISIS thereby having committed offences punishable under Section 120-B of IPC and Sections 18, 38, 39 and 40 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 as amended.

#### 18. CHARGES

- **18.1.** The investigation has disclosed that in furtherance of larger criminal conspiracy, A-1, A-2 and A-3, in connivance with others, supported and invited support for the ISIS, a proscribed terrorist organization, provided, arranged, managed and assisted in arranging and managing meetings online among the active operatives of the ISIS, provided them a platform and forum for holding online meetings, discussions and sharing views, thereby supporting the activities of the organization and professed to be the supporter and member of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, thereby having committed the offences under Section 120-B of IPC and Sections 18, 20, 38, 39 and 40 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 as amended.
- **18.2.** During the investigation, association of A-1, A-2 and A-3 has surfaced with the ISIS operatives from many other countries including but not limited to Shafi Armar @ Sameer Khan, AQ (*Aanqaa123*) and KK (*Khalidkhilji*). Further role of Hannan Qureshi, *Noman and Adnan*, members of Hyderabad based ISIS module and the aforesaid conspiracy needs to be investigated. Abdullah Basith and his associates had received, raised and collected funds from different sources and had attempted twice to migrate to Syria. The sources of funds and mode of their raising funds for this purpose is required to be investigated. Further, Noman, associate of Abdullah Basith had received Rupees 7790/- from the ISIS operatives Evelien Brouwer, resident of Leeuwarden, Netherland on 21.8.2014 and Rupees 25013/- from Jaime Giganto Getiayon resident of Doha, Qatar on 16.8.2014 and had also paid Rupees 7000/- to Therbez, resident of Chennai for furtherance of the activities of the ISIS. In order to unearth and unravel the larger criminal conspiracy further investigation is required to be continued under Section 173 (8) CrPC.
- **18.3.** During investigation, a request under MLAT has been forwarded on 17.3.2016 to the Central Authority of the United States of America for providing information pertaining to email IDs and social networking sites operated with use

of these email IDs, used by A-1, A-2 and A-3. Another request under MLAT was sent to the Central Authority of the United Arab Emirates on 31.3.2016 for collection and transfer of evidence from the different places in United Arab Emirates and relevant to the investigation of the instant case. The execution report of the aforesaid requests under MLAT is still awaited. The contents as and when execution reports are received if found relevant, shall be filed in this Hon'ble Court as additional documents.

- **18.4.** The sanction for prosecution u/s 45 (1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, as amended, issued vide order number 11034/111/2015-IS-IV dated July 25, 2016, Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, is enclosed as Annexure IV.
- **18.5.** Therefore, it is respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to take cognizance of this charge sheet filed under Section 173 (2) CrPC read with Section 43-D Clause (2) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, as amended, and issue due processes against A-1, A-2 and A-3 in accordance with law, to face trial.

**19.** Dispatched on : 25.07.2016

**20.** No. of enclosures : 04

**21.** List of enclosures : Annexure-I (List of Witnesses)

Annexure-II (List of Documents)

Annexure-III (List of Material Objects)
Annexure-IV (Sanction Order by MHA)

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