

PRESS NOTE

COAL MAFIA GANG BUSTED – EIGHT PERSONS WHO INDULGED IN ADULTERATION OF COAL BY MIXING THE INFERIOR QUALITY COAL WITH HIGH GRADE CONSIGNMENT WERE ARRESTED – SEIZED (1050) TONS OF HIGH GRADE COAL, (700) TONS OF INFERIOR QUALITY COAL, NET CASH RS.2,50,000/-, TWO LORRIES AND TWO EARTH MOVERS (JCBs), ALL WORTH ABOUT RS.1,62,50,000/- (ONE CRORE SIXTY TWO LAKHS AND FIFTY THOUSAND ONLY).

Today i.e. on 31/07/2020 at morning hours, on receipt of credible information, the sleuths of Special Operations Team (SOT), LB Nagar Zone along with the Police Ibrahimpatnam nabbed eight persons namely 1) Gunde Raju, 2) Katravath Soma, 3) Challa Amarender Reddy, 4) Kurathala Mallesh, 5) Nizamuddin, 6) Erukala Anjaiah, 7) Sagarala Satyam and 8) Rizwan who indulged in adulteration of coal by mixing the inferior quality coal with the high grade consignment being imported from South Africa & Australia, as well as with the coal of Singareni collieries and thereby cheated the needy customers. Seized (1050) Tons of High Grade quality coal, (700) Tons of inferior quality coal, two Lorries and two earth movers (JCBs) from their possession.

**CR.NO.s 183/2020 & 184/2020 U/S 120 (B), 420, 407 IPC OF IBRAHIMPATNAM
POLICE STATION OF RACHAKONDA POLICE COMMISSIONERATE**

DETAILS OF ACCUSED PERSONS:

1. Gunde Raju S/o Naraiiah, Age: 38yrs, Occ: Coal Business, R/o Plot No-141, Venkataramana colony, Hasthinapuram, Vanasthalipuram, Hydereabad (Owner of coal adulteration plant).
2. Katravath Soma S/o Jathriya, age: 33 yrs, Occ: Worker at coal adulteration plant of Raju, R/o Chemompally thanda, Gadhara (mdl), Nargakarnool (Dist).
3. Challa Amarender Reddy S/o Bal Reddy, age; 33 years, Owner of the Lorry bearing no.TS-05-UA-6788, R/o Plot.no.48, Urmila Nagar, Hasthinapuram, Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad.
4. Kurathala Mallesh S/o Pentaiah age: 27 yrs, Occ: Lorry Driver R/o H.No.4-1, Veljala, Thalakondapally, RR Dist.(Driver of Lorry bearing no.TS-05-UA-6788).
5. Nizamuddin S/o Mohinkhan, age; 25yrs, Occ; JCB operator, N/o Rajasthan (Operator of JCB bearing no.TS-07-FM-4960).
6. Erukala Anjaiah S/o Narshima, age;50 yrs, Occ; Security guard at the coal adulteration plant of Raju, R/o Roteamukkala (vill), Deverakonda (mdl) Nalagonda).

7. Sagarala Satyam S/o Ellaiah, age: 28 years, Occ: Lorry Driver, R/o H.No.2-94, Urmila Nagar, Chityala (mdl), Nalagonda (Driver of lorry bearing no. AP-24-Y-5693)
8. Rizwan S/o Sharif, age; 20 years, Occ; JCB operator, Palaal Dist., Hariyana State (Operator of JCB bearing no.TS-07-GL-1650).
9. Uttampalli Laxman @ Laxmaiah, age 38 yrs, Occ; Supervisor at coal adulteration plant of Raju, R/o Gurramguda (v) N/o Sirisirigandla (v), Nagarkarnool Dist. **(Absconding)**.
10. Ameer Mohammad R/o Gaganpad, Shamshabad, owner of another coal dumping yard, **(Absconding)**
11. Umakonda Purshotham Reddy S/o Raguma Reddy age;36 years, Occ; Transportation business, R/o Plot no.57, Dwarakanagar, Hasthinapuram **(Absconding)**.
12. Karunakar Reddy, R/o Auto Nagar, Vansthalipuram, Hyderabad, Owner of the lorry bearing no.AP-24-Y-5693, **(Absconding)**
13. Ram Reddy R/o Shainguda village, Ibrahimpatnam, Owner of the land where the coal adulteration plant is running, **(Absconding)**.

SEIZED MATERIAL:

1. Net cash Rs.2,50,000/-
2. Singareni collieries Kothagudam coal - 450 Tons,
3. Krishnapatnam Shipyard coal - 300 Tons,
4. Koyagudem coal ash - 600 Tons,

(Seized from the coal dump yard of G.Raju)

5. Singareni collieries Kothagudam coal - 300 Tons,
6. Koyagudem coal ash - 100 tons,

(Seized from the coal dump yard of Ameer Mohammed)

7. Coal loaded lorries – 2,
8. Earth movers (JCB vehicles) - 2.

Total coal (1050) Tons & Coal ash (700) Tones and worth of seized property is about Rs.1,62,50,000/- (One Crore sixty two lakhs and fifty thousand only)

BRIEF FACTS:

The A-1 Gunde Raju has earlier worked at the coal kilns located in the surrounding area of Gaganpahad village under Shamshabad mandal. Later, since about 2014 he started the coal business own by establishing the coal

dump yards here and there. Thus, during the year 2018, he started the coal dumping yard styled as **Venkateshwar Traders Unit** in the land belongs to the A-13 Ram Reddy under the limits of Ramdasipally village of Ibrahimpatnam mandal under the supervision of his childhood friend A-9 Uttampalli Laxman. A-2 Katravath Soma, A-5 Nizamuddin, A-7 Erukala Anjaiah and have been working at the A-1 as plant labour, JCB operator, Security guard and supervisor respectively.

Likewise, the A-10 Ameer Mohammad has been also running a coal dumping yard in the adjacent area of the above coal dumping yard. A-8 Rizwan has been working as JCB operator at the coal dumping yard of A-10.

Coal is one of the main ingredients and primarily used in the power generation in Thermal power plants, steel production, cement production, paper manufacturing, aluminium plants and Chemical & pharmaceutical industries. Main source of the coal for such industries is from the coal mines existing in different areas in India including Singareni collieries of Telangana State. Apart from it, some of the needy people also purchase the imported coal from the Krishnapatnam Port, Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh as per their requirement. Almost all the large scale of industries purchase the coal directly from the mines including Singareni collieries, as well as from Krishnapatnam port, whereas some of the small scale industries now and then depend upon the local coal business people like A-1 Gunde Raju and A-10 Ameer Mohammed.

The A-1 Gunde Raju and A-10 Ameer Mohammed used to purchase the different qualities of coal including inferior quality coal and coal ash from Singareni collieries mines, Kothagudem, dump the same in their respective coal dumping yards and sell it to the local industries including steel production companies, Chemical & Pharmaceuticals and Brick manufacturing units. But, having good experience in the coal business and in view of the demand of coal in the local industries, the A-1 Gunde Raju and A-10 Ameer Mohammed planed for earning easy money by adulterating the inferior quality coal with the high grade consignment. Further, both of them have been running this business without obtaining any license from any competent authority.

Having run this business, the A-1, A-9 and A-10 are having acquaintance with so many lorry owners including A-3 Challa Amarender Reddy & A-12 Karunakar Reddy, lorry drivers including A-4 Kurathala Malleesh & A-7 Sagarala Satyam, as well as with the transport people including A-11 Umakonda Purshotham Reddy. Taking that as an advantage, the A-1, A-9 & A-10 consulted with such people and sought their help for running their illegal business. Since the A-1 & A-10 offered huge gratification, such people also agreed for it in order to earn easy money. Thus, they started this illegal activity since 2018. Prior to it, already a case in Cr.No.193/2018 U/s 420, 188 IPC has been registered against the A-1, A-2 & A-9 for their involvement in similar activity. In that case, the trio accused were arrested & remanded to judicial custody. However, they did not stop this illegal activity.

The needy industries book their requirement directly from their known source including Singareni collieries, as well as from the Krishnapatnam Port for imported coal. Generally, 25 to 32 tons of coal will load in each lorry depending upon its capacity. In fact, the consignment has to reach the destination directly from the coal mine. But, as per the plan of accused persons, whenever the coal is loaded in Lorries, the lorry owners and drivers in coordination with the transport people inform to the accused A-1 and A-10 about the details of load, time of departure from the mines and destination etc. Accordingly, the A-1 and A-10 used to receive such consignments, dump the same in their coal dumping yards and then mix the inferior quality coal and coal ash with the high grade consignment by extracting the part of high grade coal. After verifying whether the load is in same weight or not, they used to supply the adulterated coal to the customers concerned. During this process, the A-1 and A-10 used to give an amount of Rs.20,000/- to 25,000/- to them including the lorry owners, drivers and transport people. Thus, all the accused persons including the lorry owners, drivers, transport people have knowingly indulged in this illegal activity.

In this instance, on 29.07.2020, the imported coal from SMS Carbon & Minerals Pvt., Ltd., at Krishnapatnam port was loaded in the lorry bearing no.TS-05-UA-6788, being driven by its driver A-4 Kuruthala Malleesh. The same was reached to the dumping yard of A-1 Gunde Raju yesterday i.e. on 30.07.2020 at evening hours. In the same manner, on 29.07.2020, the high grade coal from Singareni Collieries, Kothagudem was loaded in the lorry

bearing no.AP-24-Y-5693 being driven by its driver A-7 Sagarala Satyam and the same was reached to the dumping yard of A-10 Ameer Mohammed yesterday i.e. on 30.07.2020 at evening hours. Actually, the former consignment is meant for M/s Reactive Metals of India Pvt. Ltd., Appajipally (V), Balnagar mandal of Mahabubangar district, while the latter consignment is meant for M/s Sneha Pharma Chemicals, IDA Bollaram. But, while the accused persons were trying to mix the inferior quality coal with such high grade consignment, today i.e. 31.07.2020 at morning hours, the police parties raided on the above two dumping yards simultaneously and arrested the A-1 to A-6 at the coal dumping yard of A-1 Gunde Raju, and A-7 & A-8 at the coal dumping yard of A-10 Ameer Ahmed.

In this case, the accused A-9 Uttampalli Laxman @ Laxmaiah supervisor of the coal dumping yard of A-1, A-10 Ameer Mohammad, owner of another coal dumping yard, A-11 Umakonda Purshotham Reddy, Transport owner, A-12 Karunakar and A-13 Ram Reddy, land owner are absconding. Further efforts are being continued to apprehend them.

The above arrests were made under the supervision of Sri Mahesh M Bhagwat, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda Commissionerate, Sri G.Sudheer Babu, IPS., Addl. Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda, Sri Sunpreeth Singh, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police LB Nagar Zone, Rachakonda under the direct guidance of Sri J. Surender Reddy, Addl. Dy. Commissioner of Police, Special Operations Team, Rachakonda, by Sri Guruva Reddy, Inspector of Police Ibrahimpatnam PS, Sri K.Ravi Kumar, Inspector of Police, Sri Sathyanarayana SI of Police & Sri Avinash Babu SI of Police, SOT LB Nagar, staff of Special Operations Team and local Police.









