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Four more CPI(M) employees accused of assaulting ED officials are granted bail by the Kerala High Court.



The development occurs one day after nine other defendants in the same case were granted bail by the court.

Four CPI(M) employees who were accused of assaulting Enforcement Directorate (ED) personnel returning from a search operation at the home of former Kerala Chief

Minister Pinarayi Vijayan were granted bail by the Kerala High Court on Tuesday.

The bail requests submitted by accused Lenin Raj, Amal SP, Vaisakh, and Rahul A were granted by Justice Kauser Edappagath.

Edappagath, Justice Kauser.The issue relates to a May 27 event. The home of former chief minister and CPI(M) leader Pinarayi Vijayan, along with his daughter Veena Thaikkandiyil, was searched by ED authorities.

The search was a component of the central agency's investigation into the CMRL case, which involved accusations against Thaikkandiyil's IT company, Exalogic.

Following the search, a group of about 300 people was reported to have surrounded the convoy of ED officials and damaged the vehicles by attacking them with bricks, stones, sticks, and iron rods.

The Museum Police then filed a case citing many Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) provisions, such as Section 109 (attempt to kill) and Section 3 (1) of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act.

Fourteen of the suspects who were detained in connection with the case have now been granted bail. **The first person to receive bail from a trial court was Harikrishnan. The State has appealed this trial court ruling to the High Court and requested that Harikrishnan's bail be revoked. This appeal is still pending.**

Nine further accused were granted bail yesterday by the court, which noted that despite the seriousness of the charges, they had been detained for more than two months. The Court additionally stated that none of the bail petitioners had any significant criminal history and that the investigation was nearly finished. The Court decided to give them bail, reasoning that their extended arrest was not necessary.