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Justice MM Sundresh of the Supreme Court withdraws from the bail case of Surendra Gadling.



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In the 2016 Surajgarh arson case, lawyer and activist Surendra Gadling submitted a bail request, but Supreme Court Justice MM Sundresh on Tuesday declined to hear it [Surendra Pundalik Gadling vs State of Maharashtra].

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After the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court denied Gadling's bail request in January 2023, counsel Nupur Kumar filed the current appeal with the Supreme Court.

About 39 cars carrying iron ore from the **Surajgarh mines in Gadchiroli**, Maharashtra, were allegedly set on fire by Maoists in December 2016.

Sections 307 (attempt to murder), 341, 342 (wrongful restraint and constraint), 435 (mischief by fire explosive), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (intentional insult), 506 (criminal intimidation), 143, 147 (punishment for rioting), 148, 149 (rioting in unlawful assembly), and 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code, Sections 16, 18, 20, and 23 (punishment for terrorist activities) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), and specific provisions of the Arms Act were among the offenses for which the **Gadchiroli** Police filed a formal complaint.

Gadling was accused of violating the UAPA and was one of the people involved in the event.

According to the High Court's ruling, it appeared that Gadling was a direct member of the Communist Party of India (Maoist), a group that was outlawed.

The High Court had noted that the arguments for bail were greatly outweighed by the gravity of the accusations.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is looking into the 2018 Bhima Koregaon case, in which Gadling is also an accused party.

At the Taloja Central Prison, **Gadling** is currently under judicial custody.