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NIA recovers Nine numbers of 9 mm Pistols (stolen from 2nd MR Battalion Manipur for the use by Underground groups) from the house of one Soson Haokip, Chief of UKLF [United Kuki Liberation

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NIA has been investigating case no. RC-02/2018/NIA-GUW which pertains to theft of 56 Pistols and 58 Magazines from the DG Pool Armoury located within the premises of 2nd Manipur Rifles Battalion, Imphal. The said weapons went missing between 2016 and early 2017.

2. During the course of investigation by NIA, one of the missing pistol bearing no. 18506735 was recovered at Mantri Pukhri, Imphal on 30.07.2018 during the search at the residence of Mr. Yamgthong Haokip MLA, Saikul Assembly Constituency.
3. Investigation established that some of the Pistols were handed over to one Soson Haokip the Chief of UKLF. Accordingly, today (23/08/2018) searches were conducted at the residential premises of Soson Haokip at Mantri Pukhuri, Imphal and at his farm house at Palell by NIA teams.
4. During searches nine numbers of 9 mm Pistols were recovered and seized from the residential premises of Mr. Soson Haokip at Mantri Pukuri, Imphal
5. The Pistols are believed to be from the same lot that went missing from the Police armoury at Imphal. The search is still continuing.
6. Till now, total 14 numbers of Pistols have been recovered from different accused persons in course of investigation. Efforts for recovery of left over Pistols are on.
