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Sub: - Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA) – Invoking of
Sec. 20 of the Act – Reg:

The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA) is a comprehensive Anti-terrorism Legislation. The Sec. 20 of this Act emphasis that "Any person who is a member of a terrorist gang or a terrorist organization, which is involved in terrorist act, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to imprisonment for life, and shall also be liable to fine."

02. The provisions of this section should be invoked in the case of any member of a terrorist organization as defined in the schedule of this Act. There are 34 entities listed as Terrorist Organizations in the schedule to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. Further this section is also applicable in case of membership of a terrorist gang. The term terrorist gang is defined under Sec. 2(1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and a terrorist gang would include such associations which are concerned with or involved in, terrorist act, but are not listed as a terrorist organization in the schedule to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

03. In the above circumstance it is directed that all Police Officers concerned shall invoke the provisions of Sec. 20 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act wherever applicable without fail to effectively deal with the terrorist organizations and gangs.

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DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE