

Kobad Ghandy wants to retract confession

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Communist Party of India-Maoist (CPI-Maoist) leader Kobad Ghandy on Friday moved in a court here an application to withdraw his confession to police following his arrest on Sep 20, alleging that it was fraudulent. "I wanted to retract from the forcible confession recorded by the police during my custody," said Ghandy, who was brought to the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Kaveri Baweja by the Andhra Pradesh police after their investigations.

Ghandy also alleged he was not aware of the contents of any such confessions as he was forced to sign on blank sheets.

The court remanded Ghandy in judicial custody till Dec 25. The Andhra Pradesh police had earlier taken Ghandy with them as he was wanted in a case registered with the Karimnagar (rural) police station in 2008. Ghandy, arrested in the capital Sep 20, has been booked under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Meanwhile, the court sought the response of the Delhi Police and All India Institute of Medical Science, by Dec 16, to Ghandy's plea for his medical treatment at the premier institute. He is said to be suffering from prostate cancer.

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