

FIRST INFORMATION REPORT

முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கை

(Under Section 154 Cr.P.C.)

குறவி.தொ.பிரிவு 154 இன் கீழ்

TAMIL NADU POLICE
INTEGRATED INVESTIGATION FORM-I

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1. District : **Kanyakumari** PS: **V&A.C** Year: **2019** FIR No.: **5/2019** Date: **04.07.2019**
 மாவட்டம் காவல்துறை காவல்துறை ஆண்டு முதல. எண் நாள்
2. (i) Act சட்டம்: **IPC** Sections பிரிவுகள்: **167, 420, 465, 467, 468**
 (ii) Act சட்டம்: **IPC** Sections பிரிவுகள்: **471 r/w 109 IPC**
 (iii) Act சட்டம்: **P.C. Act, 1988.** Sections பிரிவுகள்: **13(2) r/w 13(1) (d) of the P.C. Act, 1988 r/w 109 IPC.**
 (iv) Other Acts & Sections பிற சட்டங்களும், பிரிவுகளும் :
3. (a) Occurrence of Offence Day : Date from : **25.07.2017** Date to : **during the period between**
 குற்ற நிகழ்வு நாள் நாள் முதல் நாள் வரை **April 2016 and March 2017**
 Time Period : Time from : **04.07.2019** Time to : **13.00hrs**
 நேர அளவு நேரம் முதல் நேரம் வரை

(b) Information Received at PS. Date : **25.07.2017** Time : **13.00hrs**
 காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு தகவல் கிடைத்த நாள் நேரம்

(c) General Diary Reference : Entry No(s) : **04.07.2019** Time : **13.00hrs**
 பொது நாட்குறிப்பில் பதிவு விவரம் என் நேரம்
4. Type of Information : Written/ Oral : **written**
 தகவலின் வகை : எழுத்து மூலம் / வாய் மொழியாக
5. Place of Occurrence (a) Direction and Distance from PS: **4km, North o/ to the ADPC, RMGA,**
 குற்ற நிகழ்விடம் (அ) காவல்துறைப்பகுதிக்கு எவ்வளவு தூரமும், எத்திசையும் **Kanyakumari District and some**
 Beat Number : (b) Address : **other places in Kanyakumari District.**
 முறைக் காவல் எண் முகவரி

(c) In case outside limit of this Police Station, then the Name of P.S : District :
 இக்காவல் நிலைய எல்லைக்கட்பாடு நடந்து இருக்குமானால், அந்நிலையில் அந்த க.நி.பெயர் மாவட்டம்
6. Complainant / Informant (a) Name : **J. Raju** (b) Father's/ Husband's Name :
 குற்றமுறைப்பாளர்/ தகவல் தந்தவர் பெயர் தந்தை / கணவர் பெயர்

(c) Date / Year of Birth : (d) Nationality : (e) Passport No. :
 நாள் / பிறந்த ஆண்டு நாட்டினம் வெளிநாட்டு கடிவுக்கீட்டு எண்

Date of Issue : Place of Issue :
 வழக்கப்பட்ட நாள் வழக்கப்பட்ட இடம்

(f) Occupation : **Inspector of Police** (g) Address : **Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,**
 தொழில் முகவரி **Kanyakumari Detachment @ Nagercoil.**
7. Details of Known/Suspected/Unknown accused with full particulars. (Attach separate sheet if necessary)
 தெரிந்த / ஐயப்பாடற்ற/ தெரியாத குற்றஞ்சாட்டப்பட்டவரின் முழுமையான விவரங்கள்
 தேவையெனில் தனித்தனிக் கிணைக்கவும் (i) **Tr. M. John Jerome Melod, formerly ADPC,**
Rashtriya Madhyamic Siksha Abiyan, o/ to the CEO, Nagercoil.
 (ii) **Tr. S. Seetharaman, s/o. R. Sundararam, #129/1, Nagarajekoil**
cross street, Nagercoil (Private Individual).
8. Reasons for delay in reporting by the complainant / Informant
 குற்றமுறைப்பாளர் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரால் முறையிட்டதில் தகவல் கொடுப்பதில் தாமதம்
Detailed Enquiry conducted and got permission from the competent Authority, and hence the delay.

9. Particulars of properties stolen / involved (Attach separate sheet if necessary)
கனவாடப்பட்ட / களவிற்குள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் விவரம் (தேவையெனில் தனித் தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

Does not arise

10. Total value of properties stolen / involved :
கனவாடப்பட்ட / களவிற்குள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் மொத்த மதிப்பு *Does not arise*
11. Inquest Report / Un-natural death Case No. if any:
பிண விசாரணை அறிக்கை / இயற்கைக்கு மாறான இறப்பு எண் ஏதேனும் இருந்தால் *Does not arise*
12. FIR Contents (Attach separate sheet, if required) :
முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கையின் சுருக்கம். (தேவையெனில் தனித்தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

Separate sheet attached

13. Action taken : Since the above report reveals commission of offence(s) u/s as mentioned at item No.2 registered the case and took up the investigation / directed *T.P.S. John Bancheeran* to take up the Investigation / Refused Investigation / transferred to PS..... *Inspector*..... on point of jurisdiction.
V.P.A.C. Nagarcoil

எடுக்கப்பட்ட நடவடிக்கை : மேலே குற்ற முறையீட்டில் உள்ளவையிளிவு 2ல் கூறப்பட்ட சட்ட பிரிவுப்படியான குற்றமாக வழக்கு பதிவு செய்து புலனாய்வுக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டது / பணிக்கப்படுதல் பதவி நிலை பணியாளரின் புலனாய்வுக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ள பணிக்கப்பட்டது / மறுக்கப்பட்டு எல்லையைக் கருதி புலனாய்வுக்கு காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு மாற்றப்படுகிறது.

FIR read over to the Complainant / Informant, admitted to be correctly recorded and a copy given to the Complainant / Informant free of cost.

முதலா. குற்றமுறையீட்டாளருக்கு / தகவல் தந்தவருக்கு படித்துக்காட்டி, அது சரியாக எழுதப்பட்டு இருப்பதாக ஏற்றுக் கொள்ளப்பட்டு, அதன் படி நகல் ஒன்று இலவசமாக கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.

14. Signature / Thumb Impression of the Complainant / Informant
குற்றமுறையீட்டாளர் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரின் ஒப்பம் / பெருவிரல் இரேகைப் பதிவு

Signature of the Officer in-charge, Police Station
காவல் நிலைய பொறுப்பு அலுவலரின் ஒப்பம்

15. Date & Time of despatch to the court:
நீதிமன்றத்திற்கு அனுப்பப்பட்ட நாளும், நேரமும்

Name: பெயர் *JIRAJU*
Rank: நிலை *Inspector of Police,*

04/07/2019 at 14.30hrs.

V.P.A.C, Kanyakumari Detachment @ Nagarcoil.

F.I.R Contents in Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Kanyakumari Detachment @ Nagercoil
Crime No.5/2019 U/s. 167, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 IPC r/w 109 IPC, and Sec.13(2) r/w
13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 r/w 109 IPC.

Accused

1. Tr.M.John Jerome Melod,

Formerly Asst. District Programme
Co-Ordinator (ADPC).

Rashtriya Madhyamic Siksha Abiyan,
O/o the CEO, Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District.
Now Head Master (U/s),
Govt. Higher Sec. School, Pamban,
Ramnad District.

2. Tr.S.Seetharaman,

S/o.R.Sundaram,
4/283/1, Nagarajakoil Cross St.,
Nagercoil.
(Private Individual).

Submitted.

Based on a credible information that
Tr.M.John Jerome Melod, Assistant
District Programme Co-Ordinator
(ADPC), RMSA, Kanyakumari District
has misappropriated a huge amount of
Government money intended for the
use of hiring car under Rashtriya
Madhyamic Siksha Abiyan Scheme for
the year 2016 by forging the signatures
of the Chief Educational Officer.

Nagercoil, an enquiry was conducted and the enquiry revealed the following facts.

Tr.M.John Jerome Melod (A1) who is presently under suspension had previously worked as Assistant District Programme Co-Ordinator (ADPC), Rashtriya Madhyamic Siksha Abiyan (RMSA), Kanyakumari District from June 2015 to 01.05.017. He is a Public Servant within the ambit and purview of Section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Tr.S.Seetharaman (A2) is a private individual.

The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (In short RMSA) is a centrally sponsored scheme to enhance access to secondary education and improve its quality. Its vision is to make Secondary Education of good quality accessible and affordable to all school age children in the age group of 14-18 years in Tamil Nadu. An officer in the rank of Headmaster of Higher Secondary School is appointed in each district as Assistant District Programme Co-ordinator (In short ADPC) for implementation of the scheme (RMSA). The concerned Chief Educational Officer (CEO) of the District is the supervising officer of ADPC and he is designated as District Programme Co-ordinator (In short DPC). The funds allotted for the implementation of the scheme are directly

credited to the bank account of District RMSA account. The payments from the District RMSA account will be paid through cheque or PFMS (Public Financial Management System) generated DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) Payment Advice/Authority which will be jointly signed by both ADPC and DPC/CEO.

As per the Circular No.15/2015 of RMSA, State Project Directorate, Chennai-6, from the financial year 2015-16 onwards, amount, not exceeding Rs.15,000/- per month is permitted for expenses towards vehicle hire charges.

When examined, Tr.K.Veereswaran Nair whose signature is alleged to have been forged by the A1 with reference to the vouchers, payment advises, and office note and Proceedings, purported to have been signed by him for the expenditure towards hiring car for the period April 2016 to December 2016, he categorically stated that the signatures found in the above documents were not written by him, and that they are all forged signatures. He further stated that during his tenure as additional charge CEO, the concerned clerk put up the bills for payment towards vehicle hire charges, pertaining to the earlier period (viz.,) April 2016 to December 2016, and that he asked the clerk to get the signature from his predecessor regular CEO or his successor CEO.

Comparison of the sample signatures obtained during examination of Tr.K.Veereswaran Nair with bare eye with the questioned signatures, found in the vouchers, payment advises, and office note and Proceedings revealed that there is easily noticeable difference between them, and that the questioned signatures, found in the vouchers, payment advises, and office note and Proceedings are forged signatures.

Further, during the enquiry conducted by the departmental authorities for the allegation against the A1 for having forged the signature of Tr.K.Veereswaran Nair in the bills for vehicle hire charges, Tr.K.Veereswaran Nair has given a signed explanation Dt.07.07.2017 before the Enquiry Officer viz., the Chief Educational Officer, Thoothukudi. In his explanation, Tr.K.Veereswaran Nair has stated that during his tenure as additional charge CEO, the bills for vehicle hire charges of ADPC were produced before him many times for passing, and that he refused to sign the bills as the bills pertained to earlier period.

When examined, Tmt.R.Pradeepa, the Assistant-cum-Tally Manager who handled the concerned files and who produced the same before Tr.K.Veereswaran Nair to get his signature for passing the bills corroborated the version of Tr.K.Veereswaran Nair. Further, she stated that when she informed the A1 on 28.02.2017 of the refusal of the additional charge CEO Tr.K.Veereswaran Nair to sign the vehicle hire charge bills, the A1 told her to place all the bills on his table, and that he himself would deal with the matter. Further, she stated that on 03.03.2017 (i.e.,) after the retirement of Tr.K.Veereswaran Nair, the A1 gave her 4 months bills for sending the payment advices to bank, telling her that he managed to get signatures from the CEO. Tmt.R.Pradeepa further stated that she do not know what happened to the remaining 5 months bills.

Scrutiny of the Quotation file relating to hiring of vehicle for the year 2016-17 shows that the District Programme Coordinator/Chief Educational Officer, Kanyakumari District accepted on 01.04.2016, the lowest rate quoted by Friends Track Call Taxi for the provision of private hire vehicles for the use of RMSA.

When examined with reference to the Quotation of Friends Track Call Taxi. Tr.R.Kantha Nagarajan, the owner of Friends Track Call Taxi stated that Tr.S.Seetharaman, one of the drivers of vehicles attached to his call taxi service obtained the quotation from him, and that thereafter he did not tell him anything about the fate of the Quotation. He further stated that only prior to the date of giving quotation to Tr.S.Seetharaman, the A1 Tr.John Jerome Melod had booked hire vehicles through his call taxi service, and that after the date on which Tr.S.Seetharaman got quotation, the A1 Tr.John Jerome Melod never booked any vehicle with his call taxi service.

Scrutiny of the files relating to payment of expenditure incurred towards vehicle hire charges reveals that the A1 had claimed hire charges in the name of Tr.S.Seetharaman for the journeys purported to have been undertaken by vehicles TN74-AK-0532 during April 2016 and May 2016, TN74-K-0532 during June 2016 and TN74-AK-0537 during July 2016 to December 2016. But, the Registration files of Regional Transport Office, Nagerciol in respect of TN74-AK-0532 and TN-74-K-0532 reveal that both are two wheeler Motor cycles.

It is in vogue that in every school, a separate note book called "RMSA Visitors Note" is being maintained for writing observations/remarks during the visit by officials of RMSA. Scrutiny of the "RMSA Visitors Note" maintained at (1) Govt. High School, Villukuri, (2) Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Thuckalay, (3) Govt. Boys Higher Sec. School, Marthandam, (4) Govt. Girls Higher Sec. School, Marthandam and (5) Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Vilavancode revealed that the A1 did not make any entries in the Visitors Note of the above mentioned Schools except for a single day (i.e.) on 08.07.2016 in Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Thuckalay. Towards claiming vehicle hire charges, the A1 had produced vehicle receipt as if he had undertaken trips to schools inclusive of the aforesaid 5 schools as given below.

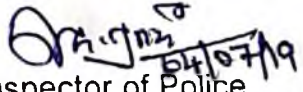
Sl. No.	Date	Place of visit and School Name.	Total K.M	Amount in Rs.
1.	10.05.2016	Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Vilavancode	24	1,500.00
2.	14.05.2016	Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Thuckalay Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Marthandam	71	1,200.00
3.	17.06.2016	Govt. High School, Villukuri, Thuckalay and Thichurichy.	76	1,300.00
4.	08.07.2016	Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Marthandam.	73	1,300.00
5.	12.07.2016	Visit schools at Kunnangal, Vilavancode, Nattalam & Ezhuthesapattu	89	1,500.00
6.	16.07.2016	Visit schools at Nagercoil and Marthandam	86	1,500.00
7.	23.07.2016	Visit schools at Nagercoil, Thuckalay and Marthandam	72	1,300.00
8.	30.07.2016	Visit schools at Nagercoil, Thuckalay and Marthandam	84	1,500.00
9.	06.08.2016	Visit schools at Nagercoil, Thuckalay and Marthandam	78	1,300.00
10.	13.08.2016	Visit schools at Nagercoil, Thuckalay and Marthandam	74	1,300.00
11.	16.08.2016	Visit schools – Hacker - M.Market, GHSS Thuckalay	66	1,300.00
12.	03.09.2016	Visit schools at Nagercoil, Thuckalay and Marthandam	88	1,500.00
13.	03.12.2016	Visit Tanexcel class schools at Nagercoil, Thuckalay and Marthandam	72	1,500.00
Total				18,000.00

Thus, the scrutiny of the "RMSA Visitors Note" the aforesaid 5 schools reveals that the A1 had falsely claimed Rs.18000/-, by way of passing false bills based on false vehicle receipts, produced by the driver Tr.S.Seetharaman (A2), forging the signature of CEO Tr.K.Veerreswaran Nair and cheating the Govt., and caused payment of Rs.18,000/- to Tr.S.Seetharaman (A2), who is not entitled to get that amount. To find out the exact pecuniary advantage obtained by Tr.S.Seetharaman (A2) through commission of criminal offences by the A1, a thorough investigation is needed.

The above information discloses the commission of offences punishable u/s.167, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 109 IPC, and Sec.13(2) r/w 13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 by the accused.

Therefore, I am registering a case in Nagercoil Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Cr.No.5/2019 u/s.167, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 109 IPC, and Sec.13(2) r/w 13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 04.07.2019 at 13.00 hrs against the above said accused for a thorough investigation of the matter.

The original FIR is submitted to the Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate cum Special Judge, Kanyakumari at Nagercoil and as per instructions, I am sending a copy of FIR to Tr.S.John Benchamin, Inspector of Police, Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Kanyakumari Detachment for taking up investigation.


Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
Kanyakumari Detachment
@ Nagercoil.