

## FIRST INFORMATION REPORT

முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கை  
(Under Section 154 Cr.P.C.)  
(சூ.ந.வி.தொ.பிரிவு 154 இன் கீழ்)

TAMIL NADU POLICE  
INTEGRATED INVESTIGATION FORM-I

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1. District : CHENNAI மாவட்டம் PS: V & AC HQ காவல்நிலையம் Chennai ஆண்டு 2021 Year: 2021 FIR No.: 17 மு.த.அ. எண் 23-09-21 Date: 23-09-21
2. (i) Act சட்டம்: Prevention of Corruption Act Sections பிரிவுகள்: 13(2) & 130(c), 130(d)  
(ii) Act சட்டம்: 1988 and prevention of Sections பிரிவுகள்: of PC Act 1988 and 7  
(iii) Act சட்டம்: Corruption Amendment act 2018 Sections பிரிவுகள்: 13(2) & 130(c) of  
(iv) Other Acts & Sections பிற சட்டங்களும், பிரிவுகளும்: PC Act 1988 & Amendment in 2018
3. (a) Occurrence of Offence Day : Date from : Between நாள்கள் முதல் 2013 Date to : to till date நாள்கள் வரை  
குற்ற நிகழ்வு நாள் நாள்கள் முதல் 2013 நாள்கள் வரை  
Time Period : Time from : நேரம் முதல் நேரம் வரை  
நேர அளவு நேரம் முதல் நேரம் வரை  
(b) Information Received at PS. Date : 23.09.2021 Time : 0700hrs  
காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு தகவல் கிடைத்த நாள் நேரம்  
(c) General Diary Reference : Entry No(s) Time :  
பொது நாட்குறிப்பில் பதிவு விவரம் எண் நேரம்
4. Type of Information : Written/ Oral : தகவலின் வகை : எழுத்து மூலம் / வாய் மொழியாக Credible source of information
5. Place of Occurrence (a) Direction and Distance from PS: குற்ற நிகழ்விடம் (அ) காவல்நிலையத்திலிருந்து எவ்வளவு தூரமும், எத்திசையும் Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai and other places  
Beat Number : (b) Address : முறைக் காவல் எண் முகவரி
- (c) In case outside limit of this Police Station, then the Name of P.S : District :  
இக்காவல் நிலைய எல்லைக்கப்பால் நடந்து இருக்குமாயின், அந்நிலையில் அந்த கா.நி.பெயர் மாவட்டம்
6. Complainant / Informant (a) Name : THIRU. K. YUVARAJ (b) Father's/ Husband's Name : K. KANAGARAJ  
குற்றமுறையிட்டாளர் / தகவல் தந்தவர் பெயர் தந்தை / கணவர் பெயர்  
(c) Date / Year of Birth : (d) Nationality : INDIAN (e) Passport No. :  
நாள் / பிறந்த ஆண்டு நாட்டினம் வெளிநாட்டு கடவுச்சீட்டு எண்  
Date of issue : Place of Issue :  
வழங்கப்பட்ட நாள் வழங்கப்பட்ட இடம் Special investigation cell  
(f) Occupation : Deputy Superintendent of Police (g) Address : Vigilance and Anti corruption no: 293  
தொழில் தொழில் முகவரி MKR Road Alandur Chennai 16.
7. Details of Known/Suspected/Unknown accused with full particulars. (Attach separate sheet if necessary)  
தெரிந்த / ஐயப்பாட்டிற்குரிய / தெரியாத ஆற்றஞ்சாட்டப்பட்டவரின் முழுமையான விவரங்கள்  
(தேவையெனில் தனித்தாள் இணைக்கவும்)  
A. V. Venkatachalam, IFS (Retired)  
Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board  
Chennai. 600 032 and other unknown officials
8. Reasons for delay in reporting by the complainant / Informant:  
குற்றமுறையிட்டாளரால் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரால் முறையிட்டதில் தகவல் கொடுப்பதில் தாமதம்  
To obtain concurrence from the competent authority  
as per law and following the appropriate procedure

9. Particulars of properties stolen / involved (Attach separate sheet if necessary)

களவாடப்பட்ட / களவிற்குள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் விவரம் (தேவையெனில் தனித் தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

Does not arise

10. Total value of properties stolen / involved :

களவாடப்பட்ட / களவிற்குள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் மொத்த மதிப்பு

11. Inquest Report / Un-natural death Case No. if any:

பிண விசாரணை அறிக்கை / இயற்கைக்கு மாறான இறப்பு என் ஏதேனும் இருந்தால்

12. FIR Contents (Attach separate sheet, if required) :

முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கையின் சுருக்கம். (தேவையெனில் தனித்தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

contents of the FIR is attached  
in separate sheets herewith

13. Action taken : Since the above report reveals commission of offence/s as mentioned at item No.2 registered the case and took up the investigation / directed N. RAVI KUMAR Rank Inspector of Police to take up the investigation / Refused investigation / transferred to PS.....on point of jurisdiction.

எடுக்கப்பட்ட நடவடிக்கை : மேலே குற்ற முறையிட்ட உள்வை பிரிவு 2ல் கூறப்பட்ட சட்ட பிரிவுப்படியான குற்றமாக வழக்கு பதிவு செய்து புலனாய்வுக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டது / பணிக்கப்படுதல் ..... பதவி ..... நிலை பணியாளரின் புலனாய்வுக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ள பணிக்கப்பட்டது / மறுக்கப்பட்டு எவ்வளவு காலம் காலம் 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.

மு.த.அ. குற்றமுறையிட்டாளருக்கு / தகவல் தந்தவருக்கு படித்துக்காட்டி, அது சரியாக எழுதப்பட்டு இருப்பதாக ஏற்றுக் கொள்ளப்பட்டு, அதன் படி நகல் ஒன்று இலவசமாக கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.

14. Signature / Thumb Impression of the Complainant / Informant

குற்றமுறையிட்டாளர் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரின் ஒப்பம் / பெருவிரல் இரேகைப் பதிவு

23/09/2021 0930hrs

15. Date & Time of despatch to the court:

நீதிமன்றத்திற்கு அனுப்பப்பட்ட நாளும், நேரமும்

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

K-YUVARAJ

Name: பெயர் DSP, SIC-II

Rank: நிலை No. எண்

V.A.C. Chennai

**FIR CONTENTS IN VIGILANCE AND ANTI - CORRUPTION, HEAD  
QUARTERS CR.NO. 17/2021 U/S U/S 13(2) r/w 13(1)(c), 13(1)(d) OF  
PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT 1988 AND 7,13(2) r/w 13(1)(a) OF  
PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT 1988 AS AMENDED IN 2018.**

**ACCUSED**

Tr. A.V.Venkatachalam,  
IFS (Retired),  
Chairman, TNPCB,  
Chennai – 32  
And other unknown officials

The Accused Officer Tr.A.V.Venkatachalam IFS(Retired) was State Forest Service Officer and was appointed as Assistant Conservator of Forest in 1988. He was conferred with IFS cadre in 1994. He had served in various capacities in State Forest Department all over the State. He had retired from service in September-2018. After his retirement he was appointed as Chairman, TNPCB, Chennai from 27.09.2019 and he is holding the same post till now. He is a Public Servant as per section 2 (c) of Prevention of Corruption (Amended) Act 2018.

Accused Officer Tr. A.V.Venkatachalam, IFS (Retired), Chairman, TNPCB is native of Theradi Street, Ammampalayam village, Attur, Salem District.

The Accused Officer Tr. A.V.Venkatachalam now serving as Chairman, TNPCB (2019-2021), had also served as Member-Secretary, TNPCB (2013-2014) and as Member-Secretary, SEIAA (2017-2018). During this period of office, he had abused his official position by colluding with other officials in committing criminal misconduct and criminal misappropriation thereby causing loss to the government and also a proportionate undue enrichment to himself which is punishable under law. Details of the malpractices as follows.

1(a) Accused Officer Tr.A.V.Venkatachalam, Chairman, TNPCB & others, dishonestly issued consent to operate (CTO) order dated 02.11.2020 in favour of M/s. SEPC Power Private Ltd, Tuticorin, a proposed 525 MW thermal power station under construction situated near VOC Harbour Estate, Tuticorin-4, even though there were clear environmental violations. Earlier, Due to non - fulfillment of conditions of CTE (consent to Establish), the TNPCB had issued stop construction order on 23.06.2020 to stop the construction of SEPC Power plant, however, with ulterior motive, the Accused Officer & others had dishonestly issued Consent to Operate (CTO) order on 02.11.2020, against rules thereby committed criminal misconduct.

(b) The Accused Officer Tr. A.V.Venkatachalam, in the capacity of Chairman, TNPCB, has wrongfully induced and prevented his sub-ordinates from taking action against environmental violations under section 19 of Environmental Protection Act 1986. For instance, District Environmental Engineer, Coimbatore was prevented from proceeding against violations in respect of a project situated at Perur Taluk, Coimbatore district. These instructions are illegal, clearly indicative of abuse of his official powers to cause undue advantages to violators, suggesting his involvement in serious misconduct during his office.

(c) The accused officer Tr.A.V.Venkatachalam, in the capacity of chairman TNPCB colluded with the other TNPCB officials in committing Irregularities in direct recruitment of some unqualified candidates for filling up of vacancies of Assistants and Typist to TNPCB vide notification No. 02/2019 dated 05.03.2020.

2. Accused Officer Tr. A.V.Venkatachalam, in the capacity of Member-Secretary, TNPCB during (2013-2014), forced industries to purchase tree-guards from specific private manufacturing firms associated with him. As a pre-requisite for industrial project approval, the big industry/factory projects are legally mandated to plant trees to make 25% of total area of project as Green-Belt. The Accused Officer abusing his official position compelled approaching industries to purchase Plant saplings and Tree Guard at higher

price (about Rs.1000 for one tree guard) from particular manufacturers associated with him.

3. Accused Officer Tr.A.V.Venkatachalam, in year 2017 during his tenure as Joint Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Forest Plantation Corporation Limited (TAFORN), Trichy, the accused officer along with the other officials committed serious irregularities in conducting auction of valuable Generator, Boilers, logistics equipment etc, belonging to the TAFORN Ltd., causing revenue loss to the Government to the tune of Rs. 47 Lakhs.

4. Accused Officer Tr. A.V.Venkatachalam, had worked as Director Environment, in the State Ministry of Environment & Forest Department from 16.09.2017 to 30.06.2018. The Director Environment is ex-officio Member-secretary of SEIAA (State Environment Impact Assessment Authority), which is apex body to clear industries/projects from environment angle. During this period, as Member-Secretary, SEIAA, he has abused his official position, forcing industries applying for the 'Environment clearance' to pay bribes from Rs. 5 Lakhs to 15 Lakhs depending on the size of industry, in particular, the Construction & Mining Industry thereby enriched himself illicitly.


Thus, the Accused Officer Tr.A.V.Venkatachalam IFS(Retired) while holding the post of Member Secretary TNPCB, Chennai (14.10.2013 to 29.07.2014), and as Member Secretary SEIAA (2017 – 2018) and as Chairman TNPCB, Chennai (27.09.2019 to till date), abused his official position, by corrupt and illegal means to cause pecuniary loss to the Government and proportionate illicit pecuniary gain for himself.

The above information prima facie discloses commission of cognizable offence of criminal misconduct, criminal misappropriation and illicit enrichment of self which are punishable under the law.

Therefore the FIR is being registered after obtaining prior permission of the competent authority u/s 17(A) of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 as amended in 2018. Therefore, today 23.09.2021 at 07.00 hrs, I registered a regular case against Accused officer Tr.A.V.Venkatachalam IFS (Retired), in

V&AC, Headquarters Crime No. 17/2021 u/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(c), 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 and 7,13(2) r/w 13(1)(a) of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 as amended in 2018.

The original.F.I.R. is submitted to the Hon'ble Special Judge for cases under Prevention of Corruption Act, Chennai and a copy is sent to the Superintendent of Police, Special Investigation Cell, Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Chennai.

  
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