

FIRST INFORMATION REPORT

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

TAMIL NADU POLICE
INTEGRATED INVESTIGATION FORM-I

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C 3/AC/2022

1. District : மாவட்டம் Salem PS: V4 AC காவல்நிலையம் Year: 2022 ஆண்டு FIR No.: மு.த.அ. எண் Date: 21.01.2022 நாள்

2. (i) Act சட்டம்: The Prevention of Corruption Sections பிரிவுகள்: 12, 13(2), 13(1)(a)
(ii) Act சட்டம்: IPC (Amendment) Act 2018 Sections பிரிவுகள்: 120B, 167, 406, 409,
(iii) Act சட்டம்: IPC Sections பிரிவுகள்: 420, 465, 468, 471,
(iv) Other Acts & Sections பிற சட்டங்களும், பிரிவுகளும் : 109

3. (a) Occurrence of Offence Day : குற்ற நிகழ்வு நாள் Date from : 2019 நாள் முதல் Date to : 2020 நாள் வரை
Time Period : நேர அளவு Time from : நேரம் முதல் Time to : நேரம் வரை
(b) Information Received at PS. Date : காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு தகவல் கிடைத்த நாள் 19.01.2022 நேரம்
(c) General Diary Reference : Entry No(s) பொது நாட்குறிப்பில் பதிவு விவரம் எண் 21.01.2022 Time : 15.00 Hrs. நேரம்

4. Type of Information : Written/ Oral : தகவலின் வகை : எழுத்து மூலம் / வாய் மொழியாக Suo-Motu

5. Place of Occurrence (a) Direction and Distance from PS: குற்ற நிகழ்விடம் (அ) காவல்நிலையத்திலிருந்து எவ்வளவு தூரமும், எத்திசையும் Above 15 km North
Beat Number : முறைக் காவல் எண் (b) Address : Yercaud Adinarvam to Kadayampalay Forex Road, Salem District. முகவரி

(c) In case outside limit of this Police Station, then the Name of P.S : இக்காவல் நிலைய எல்லைக்கப்பால் நடந்து இருக்குமாயின், அந்நிலையில் அந்த கா.நி.பெயர் மாவட்டம் District : -

6. Complainant /Informant (a) Name : N. Narendran. குற்றமுறையிட்டாளர்/ தகவல் தந்தவர் பெயர் (b) Father's/ Husband's Name : தந்தை / கணவர் பெயர்

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

Date of Issue : வழங்கப்பட்ட நாள் Place of Issue : வழங்கப்பட்ட இடம்

(f) Occupation : Inspector of Police தொழில் (g) Address : Vigilance and Anti corruption. Salem முகவரி

7. Details of Known/Suspected/Unknown accused with full particulars. (Attach separate sheet if necessary) தெரிந்த / ஐயப்பட்டிருந்த / தெரியாத குற்றஞ்சாட்டப்பட்டவரின் முழுமையான விவரங்கள் (தேவையெனில் தனித்தாள் இணைக்கவும்)

Separate sheet herewith enclosed.

8. Reasons for delay in reporting by the complainant / Informant: குற்றமுறையிட்டாளால் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரால் முறையிட்டதில் தகவல் கொடுப்பதில் தாமதம்

On receipt of information, a confidential enquiry was conducted and henceforth this case is registered.

9. Particulars of properties stolen / involved (Attach separate sheet if necessary)
களவாடப்பட்ட / களவிற்குள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் விவரம் (தேவையெனில் தனித் தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)
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 எண் ஏதேனும் இருந்தால்
12. FIR Contents (Attach separate sheet, if required) :
முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கையின் சுருக்கம். (தேவையெனில் தனித்தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

Separate sheet herewith enclosed

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 To: S. Murugan Rank Inspector to take up the investigation / Refused Investigation / transferred to PS.....on point of jurisdiction.

எடுக்கப்பட்ட நடவடிக்கை : மேலே குற்ற முறையீட்டில் உள்ளவை பிரிவு 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

Suo Motu

N. Navendran 21.01.2022
Signature of the Officer in-charge, Police Station
காவல் நிலைய பொறுப்பு அலுவலரின் ஒப்பம்

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

21.01.2022
at 16.00 hrs.

Name: பெயர் ... N. Navendran
Rank: நிலை No. எண்
Inspector of Police,
Vt Ac. Salem

**ATTACHMENT TO COLUMN NO. 7 OF THE FIRST INFORMATION REPORT IN
VIGILANCE AND ANTI CORRUPTION. SALEM DETACHMENT CRIME NO. 3/AC/2022**

Details of Accused :

A.1	Tr.K.Rajangam, Formerly Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry and Extension, Dharmapuri. Now District Forest Officer, Namakkal.
A.2	Tr.V.A.Saravanan, Formerly Deputy Conservator of Forest, (Forest Engineer, Forest Engineering Division, Harur.) Now Divisional Forest Officer, Industrial Wood & Research Division, Tirchy.
A.3	Tr.R.Murugesan, Forest Range Officer, Forest Engineering Range, Salem.
A.4	Tr.G.Baskar, Forester, Forest Engineering Range, Salem. Now Forester, Divisional Forest Office, Social Forestry and Extension Division, Dharmapuri.
A.5	Tr.Uthirasamy S/o Subramania Gounder, Contractor, Gangan & Co., Omalur, Salem. (Private Individual).

N. Narasimha 21.01.2022
Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
Salem.

ATTACHMENT TO COLUMN NO. 12 OF THE FIRST INFORMATION REPORT IN VIGILANCE AND ANTI CORRUPTION, SALEM DETACHMENT CRIME NO. 3/AC/2022

During collection of sources, the following information was gathered against the officers noted in the column No.7

A.1 Tr. K.Rajangam was formerly working as Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry and Extension, Dharmapuri from 06.08.2019 to 07.12.2020 and now working as District Forest Officer, Namakkal.

A.2 Tr.V.A.Saravanan was formerly working as Forest Engineer, Forest Engineering Division, Harur from 13.03.2019 to 25.11.2020 and now working as Divisional Forest Officer, Industrial Wood & Research Division, Trichy.

A.3 Tr.R.Murugesan was formerly working as Forest Range Officer, Forest Engineering Range, Salem from 01.05.2018 to till now.

A.4 Tr.G.Baskar was formerly working as Forester, Forest Engineering Range, Salem from 02.07.2018 to 24.08.2021 and Now working as Forester, Divisional Forest Office, Social Forestry and Extension Division, Dharmapuri.

The accused noted in the margin A.1 to A.4 are all public servants as defined u/s 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

The accused A.5 noted in the margin Tr Uthirasamy S/o Subramania Gounder, Proprietor, Gangan & Co, RC Chettyatti Post, Omalur, Salem, is a Contractor and he is a private individual.

The Government of Tamil Nadu announced that Forest Roads inside the Reserved Forest area over a length of 3350 Kms across the Tamil Nadu state will be maintained periodically for the protection of valuable forests and also for the welfare of Tribals and Public. The expenditure towards maintenance of Forest Roads in Trichy and Harur Forest Engineering Divisions was worked out to be Rs.57.70 Crores. The Government of Tamil Nadu in G.O. (Ms.) No. 104, Environment and Forests (FR.11) Department, dated 03.10.2019 have accorded administrative sanction for a sum of Rs. 57.70 crores for the improvement and maintenance of 107

forest roads at a length of 576.972 Km. located in the said two Forest Engineering Divisions for the year 2019-20.

For execution of the work, the Forest Range officer prepared separate detailed estimate for each work and they were technically sanctioned by Senior drafting officer, Circle office, Dharmapuri and it was forwarded to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri. Based on the above G.O., the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri has issued sanction order for carrying out improvement and maintenance work from Yercaud Adivaram to Kadaiyampatty Forest road at the estimated cost of Rs. 1,69,10,000/-. The work was segregated into VII reaches. Further, it was instructed that the works should be carried out after observing all formalities and the tender procedures should to be followed without any violation. Further, it was instructed to carry out the works by the Forest Range Officers of the Forest Engineering Division. The details are given here under.

Sl.No	Dharmapuri Circle & FE Dn DSO/CSO No.	Work Details	Kilometer	Amount Sanctioned (in Rs.)
1.	4/2019-20/D	Reach-I	9.50	24,99,000/-
2.	53/2019-20/D	Reach-II	2.00	24,99,000/-
3.	88/2019-20/D	Reach-III	1.50	24,00,000/-
4.	105/2019-20/D	Reach-IV	1.00	24,00,000/-
5.	115/2019-20/D	Reach-V	1.00	24,00,000/-
6.	120/2019-20/D	Reach-VI	1.00	24,00,000/-
7.	126/2019-20/D	Reach-VII	1.00	24,00,000/-
		Total	17.00	1,69,98,000/-

In the execution of the works, it is gathered the duty of A-1 Tr K.Rajangam, being the Chairman of Tender Confirmation Committee to follow the Tender Procedures before awarding tender. As per the Tamil Nadu Forest Department Code with forms and appendices code 142 (2) in addition to check measurement by the Rangers, it is an important duty of A-1 being the Divisional Forest Officers during his inspections frequently to check measure works which are in progress and to initial the measurement book in token of his check. The District Forest Officers and the

conservators should check measure at least 25 per cent and 10 percent respectively of the works done by the Range Officers, on the completion report for the work, the Divisional Forest Officer should certify as to the check carried out by him personally. It was the duty of A-4 Tr.G.Baskar who was working as Forester to record the measurements in the M.Books properly. It was the duties of A-2 Tr.V.A.Saravanan- Forest Engineer and A-3 Tr.R.Murugesan, Forest Range Officer to check the measurements recorded by A-4. It was the duty of A-5 Uthirasamy being a Contractor to execute the work as per the conditions framed in the work order and ensure the quality of the work.

A-1 Tr K.Rajangam was the Chairman for Tender Committee and he had invited a tender vide C.No.792/2019/D Dated: 01.11.2019 for execution of the above said works. The tender was received from two persons. One is from A-5 Tr Uthirasamy, Proprietor of Ganga& Co, RC Chettyatti Post, Omalur, Salem and another one is from PAS & Co, Omalur, Salem District. Both tenders were received by A-1 on 20.11.2019 at 3 PM and it was opened on the very same day at 3.30 PM. As A-5 has quoted lowest rate, work order was awarded to him as per the Proceedings of the Additional Principal Chief Conservatory of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri. In this regard, an agreement was executed between Forest Engineer, Harur and A-5.

It is gather A.-1 to A.5 hatched into conspiracy at the office of Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri between 2019 and 2020 that the works were not at all executed by A-5 in any of the places as per the agreement but the documents such as Measurement Books No. 51/2019 (Reach-I), 52/2019 (Reach-II), 53/2019 (Reach-III), 54/2019 (Reach-IV), 55/2019 (Reach-V), 56/2019 (Reach-VI), 57/2019 (Reach-VII) and bills were fabricated as if the works were carried out in all the places. In which, false measurements were recorded by A-4 Tr G.Baskar, Forester in the Measurement Books. A-2 Tr V.A.Saravanan, Forest Engineer and A-3 Tr R.Murugesan, Forest Range Officer had made false entries in the said Measurement Books as if they checked the measurements. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri also made a check measure in the Measurement Books that he verified the works and the

measurements. Further, A.3 Tr.R.Murugesan, Forest Range Officer has submitted a completion report. Accordingly, funds were released by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest to A.5 Tr. Uthirasamy to his bank account No. 6710439276 maintained in Indian Bank Account, Omalur Branch, Salem. The details of amount sanctioned and paid to A-5 are given hereunder.

Sl.No	Dharmapuri Circle & FE Dn DSO/CSO No.	Work Details	Kilometer	Amount Sanctioned (in Rs.)	Amount paid (in Rs.)
1.	4/2019-20/D	Reach-I	9.50	24,99,000/-	24,82,104/-
2.	53/2019-20/D	Reach-II	2.00	24,99,000/-	24,83,750/-
3.	88/2019-20/D	Reach-III	1.50	24,00,000/-	23,94,102/-
4.	105/2019-20/D	Reach-IV	1.00	24,00,000/-	23,94,280/-
5.	115/2019-20/D	Reach-V	1.00	24,00,000/-	23,86,193/-
6.	120/2019-20/D	Reach-VI	1.00	24,00,000/-	23,88,493/-
7.	126/2019-20/D	Reach-VII	1.00	24,00,000/-	23,81,078/-
		Total	17.00	1,69,98,000/-	1,69,10,000/-

It is further ascertained that, there is no specific reasons recorded for segregating the work into VII reaches. As per the procedures laid down in G. O. No. 243 Finance Department dated 21st August 2017, regarding the Tenders – publication of Notice Inviting Tender in news papers for advertisement of tender work, Revised Norms was fixed as “Above 25 lakh and upto 50 lakhs – one District Edition in Tamil. In order to avoid such publications and in view of making least number of Contractors to participate in the tender, the above works were intentionally segregated into VII reaches and ultimately the work orders were willfully given to A-5, who came forward to execute their criminal conspiracy.

The above information disclosed that during the period between 2019 and 2020, A-1 to A-5 have entered into a criminal conspiracy with the dishonest intention to commit fraud on the funds of the Government in carrying out improvement and maintenance work from Yercaud Adivaram to Kadaiyampatty Forest road. In pursuance of the Criminal Conspiracy, A-4 had falsified the Measurement books as if the works were executed by A-5 in all the reaches. A-2 and A-3 had checked the


measurements for such non-execution of works. A-1 in execution of the said conspiracy abetting with A-2 to A-5 failed to check measure the work by illegal omission. A-5 has furnished false bills and got sanctioned a total sum of Rs.1,69,10,000/- making use of such forged documents a genuine. Thereby, all have fraudulently and dishonestly misappropriated the said sum.

The information discloses prima facie cognizable offences u/s 120-B, 167, 409, 420, 465, 468, 471 IPC and u/s 13(2) r/w 13 (1) (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the Prevention of Corruption (Amended) Act, 2018 against A-1 to A-4 and u/s 120-B, 167, 406, 420, 465, 468, 471 IPC r/w 109 IPC and u/s 12 r/w 13 (1) (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the Prevention of Corruption (Amended) Act, 2018 against A-5.

Prior approval u/s 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 as amended in 2018 was obtained from the Government in letter No. 9910/FR.Spl.A/2021-1, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.Spl.A) Department, dated 27.08.2021 against A-1 to A-4.

Hence, today 21.01.2022 at 15.00 Hrs. I am registered a case in Salem V&AC Cr.No. 3/AC/2022 u/s 120-B, 167, 406, 409, 420, 465, 468, 471 IPC r/w 109 IPC and u/s 12, 13(2) r/w 13 (1) (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the Prevention of Corruption (Amended) Act, 2018.

Original FIR is submitted to the Hon'ble Special Judge for trial of cases under Prevention of Corruption Act Court, Salem and a copy of FIR is submitted to the Director, Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Chennai.

 21.01.2022
Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
Salem.