

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

C 8044372

1. District : *Salim District* PS: *காவல்நிலையம் V.C.AC* Year: *ஆண்டு 2023* FIR No.: *3110/2023* Date: *02.06.2023*
மாவட்டம் *Salim District* காவல்நிலையம் *V.C.AC* ஆண்டு *2023* முதல் எண் *முதல் எண்* நாள் *02.06.2023*
2. (i) Act சட்டம்: *Indian Penal Code* Sections பிரிவுகள்: *167, 416, 418, 420*
(ii) Act சட்டம்: *The Prevention of Corruption* Sections பிரிவுகள்: *410, 471, 474*
(iii) Act சட்டம்: *Act 1988 (as amended in 2005)* Sections பிரிவுகள்: *13, 27, 110, 131, 132*
(iv) Other Acts & Sections பிற சட்டங்களும், பிரிவுகளும் :
3. (a) Occurrence of Offence Day : Date from : *19.07.2018* Date to : *23.01.2020*
குற்ற நிகழ்வு நாள் நாள் முதல் நாள் வரை
Time Period : Time from : Time to :
நேர அளவு நேரம் முதல் நேரம் வரை
(b) Information Received at PS. Date : Time :
காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு தகவல் கிடைத்த நாள் *02.05.2023* நேரம்
(c) General Diary Reference : Entry No(s) Time :
பொது நாட்குறிப்பில் பதிவு விவரம் எண் *02.06.2023* நேரம் *11.00hrs*
4. Type of Information : Written/ Oral :
தகவலின் வகை : எழுத்து மூலம் / வாய் மொழியாக- *Information gathered during preliminary enquiry*
5. Place of Occurrence (a) Direction and Distance from PS:
குற்ற நிகழ்விடம் (அ) காவல்நிலையத்திலிருந்து எவ்வளவு தூரமும், எத்திசையும்
Beat Number : (b) Address : *Salim District*
முறைக் காவல் எண் முகவரி
- (c) In case outside limit of this Police Station, then the Name of P.S : District :
இக்காவல் நிலைய எல்லைக்கப்பால் *தடத்து* இருக்குமாயின், அந்நிலையில் *அந்த* கா.நி.பெயர் மாவட்டம்
6. Complainant /Informant (a) Name : *S.D. RAVI KUMAR* (b) Father's/ Husband's Name : *F. DURAI PANDIAN*
குற்றமுறையிட்டாளர்/ தகவல் தந்தவர் பெயர் தந்தை / கணவர் பெயர்
(c) Date / Year of Birth : *47* (d) Nationality : *Indian* (e) Passport No. :
நாள் / பிறந்த ஆண்டு நாட்டினம் வெளிநாட்டு *உடவுச்சீட்டு* எண்
Date of Issue : Place of Issue :
வழங்கப்பட்ட நாள் வழங்கப்பட்ட இடம்
(f) Occupation : *Suspector of Police* (g) Address : *Vigilance & Anticorruption*
தொழில் முகவரி *Vigilance & Anticorruption*
1, Utharabanyapatty - Salim - 7
7. Details of Known/Suspected/Unknown accused with full particulars. (Attach separate sheet if necessary)
தெரிந்த / ஐயப்பாட்டிற்குரிய / தெரியாத குற்றஞ்சாட்டப்பட்டவரின் முழுமையான விவரங்கள்
(தேவையெனில் தனித்தாள் இணைக்கவும்)
Mr. L. Sasikala, Executive Officer, Utharapatty Arulnagar
Govindaraja Perumal Temple, Salim District.
8. Reasons for delay in reporting by the complainant / Informant:
குற்றமுறையிட்டாளரால் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரால் முறையிட்டதில் தகவல் கொடுப்பதில் தாமதம்
No delay

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

மு.த.அ. 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

B. S. S. 623.
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 *P. D. RAVI KUMAR*
Rank: நிலை No. எண்

*Inspector of Police
WAC, Salem.*

**ATTACHMENT TO COLUMN No.12 OF THE FIRST INFORMATION REPORT
IN VIGILANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION, SALEM DETACHMENT CRIME
No.03/AC/2023.**

The accused Tmt.L.Sasikala, who was working as Executive Officer in Thanthonreeswarar Temple at Belur and other 26 small temples including Arulmigu Govindaraja Perumal Temple at Udayapatty in Salem District during the period from 19.07.2018 to 23.01.2020.

She is a public servant as defined under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988.

It is one of the duties of Tmt.L.Sasikala, Executive Officer, to collect the income of the temple regularly and she is the only person responsible for making all collection of income whether in cash or kind. She is the sole authority to make payment of bills of any person having a claim or any other expenditure arises.

The Petitioner Tr.M.Chokkalingam, S/o Marimuthu Gounder is a small businessman, who got permission along with 10 other persons to build a new Arulmigu Govindaraja Perumal temple at the same place, where the old temple situated at Udayapatty, Salem District. He had sent computer typed petition against the accused alleging that she had misappropriated the Government fund to the tune of Rs.12,00,000/- during the relevant period, by using forged vouchers in the name of some fake shops as if pooja items, electrical items, water pipeline items, stationary items were purchased for celebrating weekly, monthly and yearly temple festivals. The Petition was sent to the Director of DVAC, Chennai, through post and a Preliminary Enquiry was conducted on his petition only to ascertain whether any cognizable offence is disclosed or not.

The enquiry reveals that Arulmigu Govindaraja Perumal Temple, located at Udayapatti, Salem District is a Sub Temple of Arulmigu Thanthondreeswarar Temple, Belur, Salem District. This Temple is classified on the basis of income falling under sec 46 (ii) of HR&CE Act with an annual income of more than Rs. 2 lakhs but less than Rs.10 lakhs. For the Administrative purpose, on 19.07.2018 Tmt. L. Sasikala, an Executive Officer, Grade IV was posted for group of temples by the Commissioner of Endowment Board. The Commissioner may define the powers and duties which may be

exercised and discharged respectively by the Executive Officer. There are various grades of Executive Officers who are essentially government officers appointed to the temples to carry out functions prescribed under sec 45 (1) of HR&CE Act.

According to this act, the expenditures of the temple are to be met out from the own fund and the remuneration from the Government. The fund will be generated by collecting donation from devotees, selling of archana chit, undi collection, vehicle parking ticket, tonsure ticket, rent from shops, marriage booking, interest from deposits in the Bank, etc. All the receipts shall be deposited in the 1st account to be jointly operated by the Executive Officer and the Trustee/Thakkar. The Cheque book and Pass book shall be in the custody of the Executive Officer. The 2nd Account shall be opened in the name of Executive Officer and the amounts required for the expenditure shall be transferred from the 1st account to the 2nd account with the consent of the Trustee/Thakkar. The Commissioner has to appoint a Trustee/Thakkar / Fit person for every Temple, according to the sec 54(3) of Tamil Nadu HR&CE Act, he may be a retired HR&CE official or any other Executive Officer of the nearby temple or a non-governmental individual of his choice. The main responsibility of the Trustee/Thakkar is to management of funds, collection of funds and Supervise the incurring expenditures of the temple., etc.

Further the enquiry reveals that, in this temple the Trustee/Thakkar is not appointed due to pending of the case in O.A 29/2000 before the Joint Commissioner, Salem filed by former Archakar of this temple Tr. Panbanathan as to nominate him as Trustee/ Arankaavalar. Since then, Both the Accounts in Indian Overseas Bank at Udayapatti 1st A/c No. 095301000004206 and 2nd A/c No. 095301000000918 are being maintained in the name of E O Govindaraja Perumal Temple alone.

It is further reveals that Tmt. L. Sasikala was entrusted to collect the income of the temple regularly and she was the only person responsible for making all collection of income whether in cash or kind. She had become the sole authority to make payment of bills of any person having a claim or any other expenditure arises. So, as there was no Trustee/Thakkar in this Temple, accused Tmt. L. Sasikala gained the opportunity to operate individually and transferred the fund from 1st Account to 2nd Account without any consent of Trustee/Thakkar.

It is further reveals that during her tenure from 19.07.2018 to 23.01.2020, according to the Pasali1428, a register maintained for the period between 19.7.2018 and 30.6.2019, there were 82 vouchers prepared by the accused and according to the Pasali1429 for the period between 01.07.2019 and 23.01.2020, 77 vouchers were prepared by the accused. Totally 159 vouchers were prepared by her and respective Cheques were presented before the Indian overseas bank, Udaiyapatty, where the temple fund is maintained in the name of E.O.Govindaraja Perumal Temple. There by, the accused encashed the total amount of Rs. 11,23,396/- mostly through one Tr.Vijaian and, who is the son of Archagar of this temple Tr. Padmanaban.

It is ascertained that during the period between 2018 and 2019, white wash were done through one Tr.M.Perumal and a total sum of Rs.48,153/- was shown as expenditure, but it revealed that a sum of Rs.18,850/- only disbursed to the said Tr.Perumal for the work executed for 5 weeks during Puratasi month. The remaining amount of Rs.29,303/- had been utilized for her personal gain by creating forged vouchers with forged the signature of the said Tr.M.Perumal as to misappropriate the government fund.

Further it is ascertained that during the above said period from 2018 to 2020, materials for electrical repair work were purchased, a total sum of Rs.43,118/- was shown as expenditure by creating forged bills and vouchers with the assistance of Tr.T.Jayavel and misappropriated the government fund to the tune of Rs.43,118/- without actually purchased the materials.

Further it is ascertained that during the period between 2018 and 2019, pandal works were done and a sum of Rs.1,89,528/- was shown as expenditure through one Tr.K.Selvarraj, Sree Murugan Pandal Nilayam. The accused by way of getting two blank letter pads with the signature of Tr.K.Selvaraj viz. dated 15.10.2018 for a sum of Rs.5,000/- and dated 22.09.2019 for a sum of Rs.26,060/- (total amount of Rs.31,060/-) was forged by the accused and intentionally misappropriated the government fund improperly abusing her official position.

Further it is ascertained that during the period 2019, Radio and Serial Bulb works were done and a sum of Rs.1,04,570/- was shown as expenditure through one Tr.Murugan, owner of Shanthy Audios. The accused forged 3 letter pads of Tr.Murugan

and withdrawn an amount of Rs.94,200/- through various cheques and made actual payment of RS.20,000/- to the said Tr.Murugan and intentionally misappropriated the remaining amount of Rs.74,200/- improperly by abusing her official position and caused loss to the government fund.

Further it is ascertained that during the period between 2018 and 2019, Abishega items were purchased and a sum of Rs.31,140/- was shown as expenditure through Santha Agencies & General Merchants. The accused created forged documents in the name of Santha Agencies & General Merchants which was a non existing shop during the relevant period, cheated the administration as if the materials were purchased and intentionally misappropriated a total sum of Rs.31,140/- by abusing her official position and caused loss to the government fund.

Further it is ascertained that during the period 2020, electrical materials were purchased and a sum of Rs.11,200/- was shown as expenditure through one Bhavani Electrical & Pipes, No.182 Kamaraj Nagar Road, Attur, Salem District. The accused forged the bill to a sum of Rs.11,200/- without any transaction with dishonest intention to misappropriate the government fund by creating forged documents to the tune of Rs.11,200/- and caused loss to the government fund.

Further it is ascertained that during the period 2018 and 2020, flower garlands were purchased and a total sum of Rs.52,940/- was shown as expenditure through Tr.C.Suresh, flower merchant, Shevapat, Salem. The said Tr.Suresh has given few letter pads to one Tr.Govindaraju, working as a Clerk in Shevapat Mariamman Temple. The accused after the retirement of the said Tr.Govindaraju, got the blank letter pads from him and forged bills as if flowers and garlands were supplied to Arulmigu Govindaraja Perumal Temple during the relevant period and misappropriated the government fund to the tune of Rs.52,940/- by abusing her official position.

Further it reveals that during her tenure, the total amount of Rs. 11,23,396/- was withdrawn from the Bank A/c of Arulmigu Govindaraja Perumal Temple maintained in Indian Overseas Bank, Udayapatty branch for the years from 2018 to 2020. Out of that, in 29 occasions, Tr. VijaiAnand had withdrawn the amount of Rs. 4,60,177/- through 29 bearer Cheques during the relevant period by the direction of the accused. Tr. VijaiAnand withdrew the money 29 times in his name from the bank

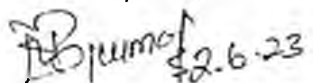
and after the payment made to E.B or payment to temple workers, the remaining amount was handed over to the accused Tmt.L.Sasikala.

The above said information clearly discloses that the accused Tmt.L.Sasikala, being a public servant during the relevant period, abusing her official position, with dishonest intention, misappropriated a Government fund to the tune of Rs.2,72,961/-against the total amount of Rs. 11,23,396/- withdrawn for the genuine expenditures incurred. Thereby, there is a prima facie case made out against the accused for the offences punishable u/s 167, 409, 420, 465, 468, 471, 474 IPC and u/s 13 (2) r/w and 13 (1) (a) of the prevention of corruption Act 1988 (as amended in 2018).

Necessary prior approval from Tr. J. Kumaragurubaran, I.A.S, Commissioner of H.R.&C.E vide his letter in Reference No.Pro.Rc.No.5677/2019/L4 dated 03.02.2023 was obtained u/s 17(A) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (as amended in 2018) for the accused to register a regular case against her.

Hence, I register a case in Salem V&AC Cr.No.03/AC/2023 against the accused Tmt.L.Sasikala, Executive Officer in Thanthonreeswarar Temple at Belur including Arulmigu Govindaraja Perumal Temple at Udayapatty in Salem District for the commission of offences punishable U/s 167, 409, 420, 465, 468, 471, 474 IPC and u/s 13 (2) r/w and 13 (1) (a) of the prevention of corruption Act 1988 (as amended in 2018).

The original FIR is submitted to the Hon'ble Court of the Special Judge for Trial of Cases under the Prevention of Corruption Act , Salem District and a copy of the FIR is sent to the Superintendent of Police, Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Western range, Chennai.


(R.D.RAVIKUMAR)
Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
Salem.