

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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02/AC/2024

1. District : **KARUR** PS: **V & AC** Year: **2024** FIR No.: **02/AC/2024** Date: **12.04.2024**
மாவட்டம் காவல்நிலையம் ஆண்டு முதல் மு.த.அ. எண் நாள்
2. (i) Act சட்டம்: **IPC** Sections பிரிவுகள்: **120(B) 409, 465, 468**
(ii) Act சட்டம்: **PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT 1988, AS AMENDED IN 2018.** Sections பிரிவுகள்: **471, 8/W 109 IPC,**
(iii) Act சட்டம்: **2018.** Sections பிரிவுகள்: **13(2) 8/W 13(1) (a) and 12.**
(iv) Other Acts & Sections பிற சட்டங்களும், பிரிவுகளும் :
3. (a) Occurrence of Offence Day : Date from : Date to :
குற்ற நிகழ்வு நாள் நாள் முதல் **2020** நாள் வரை **2021**
Time Period : Time from : Time to :
நேர அளவு நேரம் முதல் நேரம் வரை
(b) Information Received at PS. Date : Time :
காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு தகவல் கிடைத்த நாள் நேரம்
(c) General Diary Reference : Entry No(s) Time :
பொது நாட்குறிப்பில் பதிவு விவரம் எண் **12.04.2024** நேரம் **12.00 Hrs**
4. Type of Information : Written/ Oral :
தகவலின் வகை : எழுத்து மூலம் / வாய் மொழியாக **Suo - MOTTO**
5. Place of Occurrence (a) Direction and Distance from PS:
குற்ற நிகழ்விடம் (அ) காவல்நிலையத்திலிருந்து எவ்வளவு தூரமும், எத்திசையும் **IN AND AROUND KARUR DISTRICT 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 : **P. THANGAMANI** (b) Father's/ Husband's Name : **K. PONNUSAMY**
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
(f) Occupation : **INSPECTOR** (g) Address : **VIGILANCE AND ANTI - CORRUPTION**
தொழில் **OF POLICE** முகவரி **KARUR**
7. Details of Known/Suspected/Unknown accused with full particulars. (Attach separate sheet if necessary)
தெரிந்த / ஐயப்பாட்டிற்குரிய / தெரியாத குற்றஞ்சாட்டப்பட்டவரின் முழுமையான விவரங்கள்
(தேவையெனில் தனித்தாள் இணைக்கவும்)

SEPARATE SHEET ATTACHED

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

DUE TO PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY CONDUCTED IN**PE 73/2023/TP/KAR.**

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 என ஏதேனும் இருந்தால்
12. FIR Contents (Attach separate sheet, if required) :
முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கையின் சுருக்கம். (தேவையெனில் தனித்தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

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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 TR. A. AMBROSE Rank JAYARAJA to take up the investigation / Refused Investigation / transferred to PS. D.S.P. V. S. A. C. KARUR 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 எல்லைமைக் 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.

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

SUO-MOTTO

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 P. THANGAMANI.
Rank: நிலை No. எண்
INSPECTOR OF POLICE
V S A C. KARUR.

12.04.2024. AT 14.30 HRS.

ATTACHMENT TO COLUMN NO.7 OF THE FIRST INFORMATION REPORT IN VIGILANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION, KARUR DETACHMENT CRIME NO.02/AC/2024

ACCUSED OFFICERS :

1.	A-1 Tr.R.Raja, Assistant Director of Town Panchayats, Formerly Dindigul Zone, Dindigul District, Now Sivagangai Zone, Sivagangai District.
2.	A-2 Tr.K.Selvakumar, Executive Officer, Formerly Pallapatty Selection Grade Town Panchayats, Karur District, Now Ayakudi Town Panchayat, Dindigul District.
3.	A-3 Tr.P.Ganesan, Executive Officer, Formerly Aravakurichi Special Grade Town Panchayats, Karur District, Now Zamin Uthukuli Special Grade Town Panchayats, Pollachi Tk, Coimbatore District.
4.	A-4 Tr.V.Paulraj, Executive Officer, Formerly Puliur Selection Grade Town Panchayats, Karur District, Now Udangudi Selection Grade Town Panchayats, Tuticorin District.
5.	A-5 Tr.R.Krishnasamy, Formerly Executive Officer, TNPL Pugalur Special Grade Town Panchayats, Karur District, (Retired from service on 30.06.2023)
6.	A-6 Tmt.K.Krishnaveni, Executive Officer, Formerly Punjai Pugalur Selection Grade Town Panchayats, Karur District, Now Pandamangalam Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Namakkal District.
7.	A-7 Tr.T.Sakthivel, Executive Officer, Formerly Uppidamangalam 1 st Grade Town Panchayats, Karur District, Now Chennasamudram 1 st Grade Town Panchayats, Erode District.
8.	A-8 Tr.M.Sivakumar, S/o Tr.Manavalan, Proprietor, M/s Mahalakshmi Traders, T.S.No.294/2, North Main Street, Marakkadai Road, Pudukkottai-622001 (Private Individual).


 (P.THANGAMANI)
 Inspector of Police,
 Vigilance & Anti-Corruption,
 Karur.

ATTACHMENT TO COLUMN NO.12 OF THE FIRST INFORMATION REPORT IN VIGILANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION, KARUR DETACHMENT CRIME NO.02/AC/2024

A-1 Tr.R.Raja was employed as Assistant Director Dindigul Zone, Dindigul District during the relevant period from 03.09.2020 to 13.07.2021. A-2 Tr.K.Selvakumar was employed as Executive Officer in Pallapatty Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Karur District during the period from 12.02.2020 to 02.10.2021. A-3 Tr.P.Ganesan was employed as Executive Officer in Aravakurichi Special Grade Town Panchayat, Karur District during the period from 31.10.2020 to 05.08.2021. A-4 Tr.V.Paulraj was employed as Executive Officer in Puliur Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Karur District during the period from 18.10.2019 to 05.08.2021. He was retired from service on superannuation on 30.06.2023. A-5 Tr.R.Krishnasamy was employed as Executive Officer in TNPL Kagithaalai Pugalur Special Grade Town Panchayats, Karur District during the period from 31.10.2020 to 10.08.2021. A-6 Tmt.K.Krishnaveni was employed as Executive Officer in Punjai Pugalur Special Grade Town Panchayats, Karur District during the period from 12.06.2020 to 03.11.2021. A-7 Tr.T.Sakthivel was employed as Executive Officer, Uppidamangalam 1st Grade Town Panchayats, Karur District during the period from 23.10.2019 to 02.11.2021. A-1 to A-7 are public servants as defined u/s 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended in 2018. A-8 Tr.M.Sivakumar, S/o. Manavalan is the Proprietor of M/s.Mahalakshmi Traders, T.S.No.294/2, North Main Street, Marakadai Road, Pudukottai is a Private Individual.

2) As per the Tami Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1988 in the Public / Government Department, no procurement shall be made without tender and while approving the tender, the present prevailing market value is to be considered and the lowest tender will be accepted after confirming that the tenderer was not banned by any of the procuring entity.

3) It is found that, the accused A-1 to A-7 who are the authorized authorities to procure / purchase the equipment's for the Town Panchayats, Karur District. Thereafter, sealed tenders will be called and received within the

prescribed time, opened and to scrutinize the genuineness of the firm and perused and compared with the previous purchase made / last supply received / rates approved by the government etc., prepare the comparative statement of the tenderers, select L-1 and issue the supply orders for the purchase of the required equipment's to the Town Panchayats, Karur District.

4) The accused A-1 to A-7 colluded with each other and also with A-8 Tr.M.Sivakumar, proprietor of M/s.Mahalakshmi Traders with the criminal intention of getting undue advantage and consequent to it, they created forged quotation call letters on various dates for the **purchase of 6 numbers of Video Conferencing Devices Sony 40-inch HD TV, CPU-280-Pro Intel Pentium Core Processor and Logitech BCC 950 small group conference cameras for 6 Town Panchayats of Karur District**, as if the same were sent to the said M/s.Mahalakshmi Traders, Pudukkottai District and also to M/s.Kasthuri Traders, No.1333 DA/6, Annai Therasa Nagar, Manthithoppu Road, Kovilpatti, Tuticorin District. But, there was no such firm existed in the name of M/s.Kasthuri Traders in the said address and found that it is a CBSE School running in the name of Punitha Ohm Global CBSE School, Kechilapuram, Pandavarmangalam, Kovilpatty, Tuticorin District.

5) It is found that, the quotation had been called for only from the said 2 firms / companies and were not made to give wide publicity, in order to avoid participation by other authorized firms. The accused A-1 to A-7 obtained quotations from A-8 on various dates on behalf of both firms, prepared comparative statements without verifying the genuineness of the firm and the actual market rate of the said items in the open market during the relevant period, then selected M/s.Mahalakshmi Traders as Lowest bidder (L-1) by violating the tender / quotation procedures (as minimum 3 quotations would be obtained), issued supply orders at an exorbitant rate to A-8 for the supply of said items.

6) It is further found that in Tender File Numbers 1) 244/2021, dt.10.02.2021, 2) 81/2021, dt.10.02.2021, 3) 18/2021, dt.04.02.2021, 4) 53/2021, dt.10.02.2021, 5) 45/2021, dt.10.02.2021 and 6) 173/2020, dt.12.02.2021 six

Video Conferencing Devices with all accessories were purchased for a sum of Rs.3,96,599/- each totaling Rs.23,79,594/- by A-1 to A-7 to Pallapatty, Aravakurichi, Puliur, TNPL Kagithalai Pugalur, Punjai Pugalur and Uppidamangalam Special Grade, Selection Grade and 1st Grade Town Panchayats, Karur District respectively during the year 2020-21. It is further ascertained that it was purchased from one M/s.Mahalakshmi Traders, T.S.No.294/2, North Main Street, Marakadai Road, Pudukottai. The file discloses that, M/s.Mahalakshmi Traders and M/s.Kasthuri Traders gave their quotation by remitting the EMD amount and M/s.Mahalakshmi Traders, Pudukottai District quoted Rs.3,96,599/- and M/s.Kasthuri Traders quoted Rs.4,01,050/- for the supply of the above said Video Conferencing Devices.

7) It is further found that, the accused A-1 being the Zonal Assistant Director of Town Panchayats, Dindigul Zone should call for common requirements from the Executive Officers of Town Panchayats in Karur District for the bulk purchase and supply of the said Video Conferencing Devices to all Town Panchayats in Karur District by following the Tender Procedures for uniform, systematic, efficient and cost-effective purchase in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of the government after getting prior permission from the Director of Town Panchayats, Chennai. But, the accused A-1 to A-7 colluded with each other and also with A-8 with the criminal intention of getting undue advantage and purchased the said items individually at an exorbitant rate more than 5 times of the actual market rate during the relevant period, without getting prior permission from the Director of Town Panchayats, Chennai and caused huge loss to the government exchequer. The accused A-8 Tr.M.Sivakumar, proprietor of M/s Mahalakshmi Traders, Pudukottai was neither authorized dealer of Sony Cameras and Desktop computers nor direct supplier to the Town Panchayats of Karur District.

8) It is further found that, the same specified video conferencing devices and its accessories were purchased by the M/s Velan Enterprises from Pudukottai District still cheaper rate of Rs.70,015/- per device (including GST & SGST) and the same was supplied to A-8 at the rate of Rs.89,610/- per device (including GST

& SGST) per device during the relevant period. But, the accused A-1 to A-7 had purchased same specified six numbers of **Sony 40-inch HD TV, CPU-280-Pro Intel Pentium Core Processor and Logitech BCC 950 small group conference cameras** to 6 Town Panchayats in Karur District at an exorbitant rate of **Rs.3,96,599/-** per device (including 18% GST) and in total Rs.23,79,594/- and the amount were sanctioned and proceedings were issued by A-1 for settlement of 5 bills (except S.No.2) as mentioned in the following Table and based on the proceedings, six separate cheques were issued in the name of A-8 and the same was credited into the account of A-8 M/s Mahalakshmi Traders, Pudukkottai as detailed below.

Sl. No	Name of the Town Panchayats	Quotation File Number and Date	Supply orders issued by the accused A-2 to A-7	Invoice Bill Number, Date & Amount	Countersigned / Approved by A-1 vide Proceedings No.	Cheque Number & Date
1	Pallapatty Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Karur District	File No.244/2021, dt.10.02.2021	File No.244/2020, dt.22.03.2021	GST/MT/035 Dt.22.03.2021 For Rs.3,96,599/-	Na.Ka.No. 2533/2020/TP1 dt.31.03.2021	Indian Bank Cheque No.143815 dt.09.04.2021
2	Aravakurichi Special Grade Town Panchayat, Karur District	File No.81/2021, dt.10.02.2021	File No.81/2021, dated.25.02.2021	GST/MT/034 Dt.9.03.2021 For Rs.3,96,599/-	Not issued	Bank of India Cheque No.044962 dt.30.03.2021
3	Puliyur Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Karur District	File No.18/2021, dt.04.02.2021	No.18/2021, dt.17.02.2021	GST/MT/037 Dt.26.02.2021 For Rs.3,96,599/-	Na.Ka.No. 2533/2020/TP1 dt.17.03.2021	Indian Bank Cheque No.278441 dt.09.04.2021
4	TNPL Kagithaalai Pugalur Special Grade Town Panchayats, Karur District	File No.53/2021, dt.10.02.2021	No.53/2021, dt.25.02.2021	GST/MT/038 Dt.01.03.2021 For Rs.3,96,599/-	Na.Ka.No. 2533/2020/TP1 dt.17.03.2021	State Bank of India Cheque No.181592 dt.31.03.2021
5	Punjai Pugalur Selection Grade Town Panchayats, Karur District	File No.45/2021, dt.10.02.2021	No.45/2021, dt.25.02.2021	GST/MT/036 Dt.01.03.2021 For Rs.3,96,599/-	Na.Ka.No. 2533/2020/TP1 dt.17.03.2021	IOB Cheque No.881319 dt.05.04.2021

6	Uppidamangalam 1 st Grade Town Panchayats, Karur District	File No.173/2020, dt.12.02.2021	No.173/2020, dt.26.02.2021	GST/MT/039 Dt.12.03.2021 For Rs.3,96,599/-	Na.Ka.No. 2533/2020/ TP1 dt.17.03.2021	Indian Bank Cheque No.858344 Dt.07.04.2021
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9) The accused A-1 being the Zonal Assistant Director of Town Panchayats, Dindigul Zone during the relevant period had approved and counter signed it purposely without raising any queries for not verifying the actual market rate in the open market of the said item during the relevant period and also the genuineness of the firm and issued proceedings for the settlement of bill amount to the accused A-8 for the wrongful purchase amount.

10) During the relevant period 2020-21, the accused A-1 to A-8 Tr.M.Sivakumar, entered in to a criminal conspiracy, to misappropriate the government money, in execution of the said conspiracy, they have upsurged the actual sale / market price of the said video conferencing devise from **Rs.70,015/- to Rs.3,96,599/-** per camera by fabricating the quotations submitted by A-8 on various dates at the rate of upsurge price of **Rs.3,96,599/-** by willfully and dishonestly violating the tender procedures and without getting any orders from the Director of Town Panchayats, Chennai for purchasing the said Video Conferencing Devise with fraudulent and dishonest intention to misappropriate the Town Panchayat General Fund.

11) In pursuance of the above said criminal conspiracy, A-2 to A-8 also fabricated false quotation in the name of M/s Kasthuri Traders, Kovilpatti, Tuticorin District, by quoting the price of Rs.4,01,050/- per camera higher than that of M/s.Mahalakshmi Traders for the purpose of showing on record that the lowest quotation of Rs.3,96,599/- which was submitted by A-8 and the A-1 to A-7 in execution of the said conspiracy, approved the lowest quotation. A-1 to A-7, being the Assistant Director and Executive Officers of Town Panchayats respectively, knowing fully well that the market price quoted in the quotation is highly exorbitant and upsurged / inflated, has approved the quotation, selected A-8 for the supply of said camera at the upsurged / inflated rate of **Rs.3,96,599/-** per camera as against

the actual market price of **Rs.70,015/-** per camera as agreed upon by the A-1 to A-7 in course of criminal conspiracy entered in to with A-8 by abusing and misusing their position as public servants and thereby willfully making excess payment of **Rs.3,26,584/-** per camera and excess payment of **Rs.3,26,584/- X 6 = Rs.19,59,504/- for 6 cameras**, being multiple times higher than the actual market price was determined by the A-1 to A-7 with dishonest intention to misappropriate and to cause wrongful loss to the government funds

12) Based upon the Preliminary Enquiry report, the accused A-1 to A-7, hatched criminal conspiracy and fabricated false records, used the fabricated records as genuine, falsified the accounts in governmental records, in order to misappropriate Town Panchayat funds. The Secretary to the Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Chennai and the Vigilance Commissioner, Chennai gave prior permission for the registration of this case.

13) The above said information discloses that A-1 to A-7 abetted with each other with the active connivance of A-8 have misappropriated the government money to the tune of **Rs.19,59,504/-** and caused wrongful loss to the Town Panchayat funds and there is a prima facie case made out against A-1 to A-7 u/s 120(B), 409, 465, 468, 471 r/w 109 IPC and 13(2) r/w 13(1) (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended in 2018 and against A-8 u/s 120(B), 409, 465, 468, 471 r/w 109 IPC and 13(2) r/w 13(1) (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended in 2018.

14) Hence, today on 12.04.2024 at 12.00hrs I registered a case in Karur V&AC Cr.No.02/AC/2024, u/s 120(B), 409, 465, 468, 471 r/w 109 IPC and 13(2) r/w 13(1) (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended in 2018. The original FIR is submitted to the Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate Cum Special Judge, Karur and a copy of FIR is submitted to the Director, Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Chennai.

(P.THANGAMANI)
Inspector of Police,
Vigilance & Anti-Corruption,
Karur.