

PRESS NOTE

FOREMAN AND LINE INSPECTOR WERE ARRESTED FOR DEMAND AND OBTAINMENT OF BRIBE RS.6,000/- FOR INSTALLATION OF THE NEW EB CONNECTION

The complainant Tr.E.Arunbharathi, is residing at No.246 Madeswaran Koil near, Ramabayalur, Chikarasampalayam post, Sathiamangalayam Taluk, Erode District. The complainant had applied for a new domestic EB service connection in his mother's name Tmt.E.Rajamani. On 02.01.2024, at the office of the Assistant Engineer, TANGEDCO, Chikkarasampalayam, Sathiyamangalam Taluk, Erode District. Tr. Shanmugam Foreman, O/o the Assistant Engineer, TANGEDCO, Chikkarasampalayam, Sathiyamangalam taluk, Erode District and Tr.Balasubramanian, Line Inspector, demanded Rs. 7,000/- as bribe for process his application. After request of the complainant the bribe amount reduced from Rs.7,000/- to Rs.6,000/- . The complainant told that he would give the money on the next day. EB connection was given on that day itself (02.01.24). On 04.01.2024, the complainant met Tr.Balasubramanian. Tr.Balasubramanian questioned why the amount was not given and told that Tr.Rajamani, was asking about the amount. The complainant informed him that he would give the amount on Saturday i.e., 6.01.24. Not willing to give the bribe amount the complainant approached the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Erode detachment and gave complaint. In this connection a case was registered and a trap was organized today (06.01.2024). During trap proceedings, on the instructions of Tr.Rajamani, Foreman, Tr.Balasubramanian, Line Inspector received the bribe amount of Rs.6,000/- from the complainant. Both accused were arrested.