

PRESS NOTE

FORMER VILLAGE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND VILLAGE ASSISTANT CONVICTED IN BRIBE CASE

The complainant Tr.Gnanaprakasam, residing at Cuddalore District. He was applied Legal Heir Certificate at the office of the Village Administrative Office, Periyakappankulam Village, Virudhachalam, Cuddalore district. Tr.Damaodharan, VAO, Periyakappankulam Village, Virudhachalam, Cuddalore district, demanded Rs.2,000/- as bribe for issuing Legal Heir Certificate to the complainant. The complainant not willing to give bribe, preferred complaint with Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Cuddalore Detachment. In this connection a trap was organized. On 27.01.2017 on the instruction of Tr.Damodharan, VAO, Tr.Ravindrakumarapandian, Village Assistant received the bribe amount of Rs.2,000/- from the complainant. Both accused were arrested. On completion of investigation, the case was charge sheeted against both accused. The case was tried before the Spl. Court for PC Act, Cases, Cuddalore. Today 19.09.2023 Special Court, Cuddalore pronounced the judgment against Tr.Damodharan, Village Administrative Officer was sentenced with Rigorous Imprisonment of one year for the offence U/s 7 of PC Act, 1988 along with a fine of Rs.1,000/-. Further, two years Rigorous Imprisonment was awarded for the offence U/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of PC Act, 1988 and along with a fine of Rs.2,000/- and Tr.Ravindrakumarapandian, Village Assistant was sentenced with Rigorous Imprisonment of two years along with a fine of Rs.2,000/-.