## PRESS NOTE

## PANCHAYAT SECRETARY AND PRIVATE PERSON WERE ARRESTED FOR DEMAND AND ACCEPTANCE OF BRIBE Rs.6,100/- FOR WATER CONNECTION

The complainant Tr. N.Manickavasagam, is residing at Tiruppur District. The complainant had applied for property tax and water connection at Makkinampatty village Panchayat, Pollachi South block, Coimbatore district. Tr.M.Senthilkumar, Panchayat Secretary, Makkinampatty village Panchayat, Pollachi South block, Coimbatore district inspected the complainant house and issued receipts for Rs.1,100/- and Rs.2,900/- towards the property tax and water connection security deposit, but he had demanded Rs.9,000/- in which Rs.2,900/- is actual fee and Rs.6,100/- as bribe for processing his application. Unwilling to give bribe, the complainant approached the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Coimbatore detachment and gave complaint. In this connection a case was registered and a trap was organized on 04.04.2025. During trap proceedings, on the instructions of Tr.M.Senthilkumar, Panchayat Secretary, Tmt.N.Jayalakshmi, Temporary Computer Operator (Private Individual) received the bribe amount of Rs.6,100/- from the complainant. Both the accused were arrested.