

PRESS NOTE

Tmt.Vasanthakumari, Formerly Junior Assistant cum Typist, Addl. Charge of Bill Collector, West Zone, Coimbatore Corporation, Coimbatore was convicted for 1 year for demand and acceptance of Rs.7,000/- as bribe.

The complainant Tr.Muthukumaravel, residing at No.928, Salivan Street, Gandhi Park, Coimbatore has applied for name transfer in Property Tax at Ward No.20, West Zone, Coimbatore Corporation, Coimbatore. Tmt.S.Vasanthakumari, Junior Assistant cum Typist Additional Charge of Bill Collector in Ward No.20, West Zone, Coimbatore demanded Rs.7,000/- as bribe to process his application. As the complainant was not willing to pay the bribe, he lodged a complainant before V&AC Coimbatore Office and based on that a case was registered by Vigilance and Anti-Corruption against Tmt.Vasanthakumari and a trap was organized.

In pursuance to the above said demand, on 03.06.2014 Tmt.Vasanthakumari, Junior Assistant, reiterated her earlier demand and accepted Rs.7,000/- from the complainant. Accused was caught red handed and remanded to Judicial custody.

After completion of investigation, the case was charge sheeted on 04.06.2015 before the Hon'ble Special Judge for the Cases Under Prevention of Corruption Act, Coimbatore. After completion of Trial the Hon'ble Special Judge for the Cases Under Prevention of Corruption Act Coimbatore pronounced judgment today (30.08.2024), that the accused Tmt.Vasanthakumari is found to be guilty for commission of offences U/s 7 of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act 2018.

For the offence committed U/s 7 of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act 2018, the accused is sentenced to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment for 1 year and Rs.5,000/- and Rigorous Imprisonment for 1 year and Rs.5,000/- fine amount for sec 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of the prevention of corruption Act, 1988 in default to undergo simple imprisonment for 2 months. Both the sentences shall run concurrently.