

FIRST INFORMATION REPORT

TAMIL NADU POLICE

INTEGRATED INVESTIGATION FORM-I

முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கை  
(Under Section 154 Cr.P.C.)  
(சூ.ந.வி.தொ.பிரிவு 154 இன் கீழ்)

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1. District : Esode PS: VFAAC, Esode Year: 2019 FIR No. 4/AC/2019 Date: 26.3.2019  
மாவட்டம் காவல்நிலையம் ஆண்டு மு.த.அ. எண் நாள்
2. (i) Act சட்டம்: The P.C. Act 1988 Sections பிரிவுகள்: 13(2)(7)/w/13(1)(1) & 13(1)(d)  
(ii) Act சட்டம்: I.P.C Sections பிரிவுகள்: 109, 167, 465, 467, 468, 471,  
(iii) Act சட்டம்: I.P.C Sections பிரிவுகள்: 474, 477-A, 479, 420.  
(iv) Other Acts & Sections பிற சட்டங்களும், பிரிவுகளும் :
3. (a) Occurrence of Offence Day : — Date from : 2012-13 Financial year to 2015-16 financial years. Date to : —  
குற்ற நிகழ்வு நாள் நாள் முதல் நாள் வரை  
Time Period : — Time from : — Time to : —  
நேர அளவு நேரம் முதல் நேரம் வரை  
(b) Information Received at PS. Date : — Time : —  
காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு தகவல் கிடைத்த நாள் 30.8.2017 நேரம் —  
(c) General Diary Reference : Entry No(s) Time : 26.3.2019  
பொது நாட்குறிப்பில் பதிவு விவரம் எண் 61.D. VOL-I நேரம் 17.00 hrs
4. Type of Information : Written/ Oral :  
தகவலின் வகை : எழுத்து மூலம் / வாய் மொழியாக Based on credible information and on enquiry
5. Place of Occurrence (a) Direction and Distance from PS: About 2 kms South  
குற்ற நிகழ்விடம் (அ) காவல்நிலையத்திலிருந்து எவ்வளவு தூரமும், எத்திசையும்  
Beat Number : — (b) Address : Block Agricultural Extension Centre,  
முறைக் காவல் எண் முகவரி Esode Block, Esode District,
- (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 : M. Natarajan (b) Father's/ Husband's Name : P. Muttusamy  
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 of Police (g) Address : Vigilance and Anti Corruption,  
தொழில் முகவரி Esode
7. Details of Known/Suspected/Unknown accused with full particulars. (Attach separate sheet if necessary)  
தெரிந்த / ஐயப்பாட்டிற்குரிய / தெரியாத குற்றஞ்சாட்டப்பட்டவரின் முழுமையான விவரங்கள்  
(தேவையெனில் தனித்தாள் இணைக்கவும்)  
1) Mr. S. Shanmuga Sundaram A.O 2) Mr. C. Sasikala A.O 3) Mr. S. Sridhar D.M. (Grade-II)  
4) Mr. V. Balakrishnan P.V. Supt 5) Mr. C. Periyasamy A.O 6) Mr. P. Shyam Sundar A.O  
7) Mr. N. Balasubramanian A.O 8) Mr. R. Sudhakar A.O 9) Mr. A. Govindan A.O 10) Mr. D. Senthil Kumar  
11) Mr. R. Balasundar A.O 12) Mr. M. Gurusamoorthy A.O of Esode Block Agricultural Extension
8. Reasons for delay in reporting by the complainant / Informant:  
குற்றமுறையிட்டாளரால் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரால் முறையிட்டதில் தகவல் கொடுப்பதில் தாமதம்  
- Centre, Esode

A Preliminary Enquiry was conducted and there after this case was Registered and Hence the delay.

9. Particulars of properties stolen / involved (Attach separate sheet if necessary)  
கனவாடப்பட்ட / கனவிற்றுகள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் விவரம் (தேவையெனில் தனித் தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

10. Total value of properties stolen / involved :  
கனவாடப்பட்ட / கனவிற்றுகள்ளான 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) \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted:-

Separate sheets attached

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 by S. Pushpanay Rank D.S.P. V.G.A.E. to take up the investigation / Refused investigation / transferred to PS..... on point of jurisdiction.

எடுக்கப்பட்ட நடவடிக்கை : மேலே குற்ற முறையிட்டல் உள்ளவை பிரிவு 2ல் கூறப்பட்ட சட்ட பிரிவுப்படியான குற்றமாக வழக்கு பதிவு செய்து புலனாய்வுக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டது / பணிக்கப்படுதல் ..... பதவி ..... நிலை பணியாளரின் புலனாய்வுக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ள பணிக்கப்பட்டது / மறுக்கப்பட்டு எல்வையைக் 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.

மு.த.அ. குற்றமுறையிட்டாளருக்கு / 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  
குற்றமுறையிட்டாளர் / 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: 26.3.2019  
நீதிமன்றத்திற்கு அனுப்பப்பட்ட நாளும், நேரமும் 18.00Hrs

Name: பொயர் M. Natunjan  
Rank: நிலை Inspector of Police  
VGAe, Erode.

**ATTACHMENT TO COLUMN No.12 OF FIRST INFORMATION REPORT IN VIGILANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION, ERODE DETACHMENT CRIME No.04/AC/2019:**

A Preliminary Enquiry was conducted based on an allegation petition received in the name of all Ministerial and Extension Employees, Block Agricultural Extension Centre, Erode Block, Erode District. The allegations mentioned in the petition related to misappropriation of government funds, in execution of various agricultural subsidy Schemes during the financial years between 2012-13 and 2015-16.

The Preliminary Enquiry revealed that accused A1 Tr.S.Shanmugasundaram was working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (ADA) at Erode Block from 18.07.2012 to 02.07.2014. Accused A2 Tmt.C.Sasikala was working as Agricultural officer (AO) at Erode block from 01.06.2015 to 07.08.2017. Accused A3 Tr.K.Sridhar was working as Depot Manager(Grade-II), Erode Depot from 01.05.12 to 14.09.2015. Accused A4 Tr.V.Balakrishnan was working as Physical Verification Superintendent at the O/o JD Agri, Coimbatore from 15.09.14 to May-2018 and continues. Accused A5 Tr.C.Periasamy was working as Assistant Director of Agriculture(ADA), Erode Block, Erode from 08.07.2014 to 31.03.2016 and now Deputy Director of Agriculture. Accused A6 Tr.P.Shyamsundar was working as Agricultural Officer(AO), Erode Block, Erode from 01.04.2012 to 30.05.2015. Accused A7 Tr.N.Balamurugan was working as Assistant Agricultural Officer(AAO), Erode Block, Erode from 01.04.2012 to 31.10.2013. Accused A8 Tr.R.Sudharsan was working as Assistant Agricultural Officer(AAO), Erode Block, Erode from 09.02.2014 to May-2018 and continues. Accused A9 Tr.A.Govindan was working as Assistant Agricultural Officer(AAO), Erode Block, Erode from 19.12.2013 to 31.03.2016. Accused A10 Tr.D.Senthilkumar was working as Assistant Agricultural Officer(AAO), Erode Block, Erode from 29.09.2014 to 31.03.2016. Accused A11 Tr.R.Balasundar was working as Assistant Agricultural Officer(AAO), Erode Block, Erode from 01.04.2012 to 31.10.2013. Accused A12 Tr.M.Gurumoorthy was working as Assistant Agricultural Officer(AAO), Erode Block, Erode from 01.04.2012 to 31.05.2014. All the accused A1 to A12 are public servants as defined u/s 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

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The duties and responsibilities of accused A1 & A5 while working as Assistant Director of Agriculture(ADA), Erode Block were Implementing authority for all agricultural Schemes, Seed Producer for all Seed production Scheme, All settlement authority for all input equipments and implements and other contingencies, Controlling officer for all block level staff, Annual verification and surprise verification of Agricultural Extension Centers, Reconciliation of statement for receipts and expenditures, Supervision of field level activities, Transfer of technology at field level, Publicity of works and input management and etc.

The duties and responsibilities of accused A2 & A6 while working as Agriculture Officer(AO), Erode Block were area coverage, production and productivity for all agricultural crops, Responsible for all the agricultural Schemes entrusted for implementation in his jurisdiction through AAOs, Incharge for Agricultural Extension Centers in his jurisdiction, he has to maintain the accounts, physical verification of cash and stock entries attestation etc., he has to supervise the Seed farms and procurement made as per target, he is the Technical guiding officers for his AAOs and Technical Advising to farmers, Conducting trials and demonstrations, Crop cutting experiments and Convening applications for subsidy items etc.

The duties and responsibilities of accused A7 to A12 while working as Assistant Agriculture Officer(AAO), Erode Block were area coverage, Production and productivity for all agricultural crops, arrange group meetings, field days, Seminars, Pre-season campaigns etc., attends monthly review meeting by AO(Agricultural Officers) and ADAs(Assistant Director of Agriculture), distributions of all inputs in time to the targeted one, canvassing applications for the distribution of subsidized inputs under different schemes, conduct of Crop Cutting experiment for crop insurance scheme, responsible for area coverage figures after attending the meeting with VAOs, assistance for implementation for Watershed Development Schemes, watching carefully the demand for the different types of inputs like Seed, Fertilizers and Pesticides and advise farmers where inputs are available and their costs, distribution of Azospirillam, Bacterial Cultural pocket and other bio-fertilizers etc, Implement of programs like NADP(National Agricultural Developmental Programme), NFSM(National Food Security Mission), ATMA(Agricultural Technology Management Agency), other state and centrally sponsored Schemes etc.

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The duties and responsibilities of accused A3 while working as Depot Manager, Erode depot were maintaining of all stocks properly in Erode depot, issuing of all seeds and other subsidy items to the farmers after collecting dues as recommended by the AOs and AAOs, maintaining of depot registers including subsidy register and preparation of adjustment bills along with AOs etc.

The duties and responsibilities of accused A4 while working as Physical verification Superintendent were physical Verification of Agricultural Depots, Sub-Depot and State Seed Farm, Checking the maintenance of Register shows dues in each Agricultural Extension Centre and sub-centre and recoveries made. He is also responsible for the following work of Junior Assistant(Physical Verification) i.e., Correspondence relating to Surprise Physical Verifications of Depots carried out by him, Annual Stock Account of Depots and stores, Checking of Personal Register, Periodical Register and other allied Register maintained by Junior Assistant (Physical Verification), Checking of Stock File and Subject Files, Monitoring the tour approval of Lab Officers and continuance proposals of Lab and Building Rent, Check the Register showing the details of recovery to be made and recoveries made. Hence, A4 as a Physical verification Superintendent has to verify the actual stock at all depots coming under his control including Erode block depot by surprise visit. Then, he has to affix his seal and sign in the stock register after recording whether the stock was physically present or not.

While implementing the various agricultural schemes, accused A1 to A12, by abusing their official position, committed serious offences, during the relevant period of allegation.

**Integrated Cereal Development Programme(ICDP)** was one of the Schemes implemented by the Agricultural department, in which, Paddy and Millet seeds were supplied to the farmers under subsidy rate, in order to promote their productivity. **National Agricultural Development Programme (NADP)** is also one of the Schemes, in which, Paddy Seed, Pulses Seed, Oil Seeds etc., were supplied to the farmers under subsidy rate. Apart from supply of seeds, sometimes trainings were given to the farmers on Government expenses and fertilizers were also supplied to the farmers under subsidy. During this PE, it came to light that various types of Agricultural Schemes were implemented during the relevant period of allegation. The subsidy amounts were settled through Demi-Contingent bills (**DC Bills**).

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While implementing the Schemes, it is the duty of the Assistant Agricultural Officer(AAO) to canvas farmers for the distribution of subsidized items to them and collect applications from the farmers and to sign in the applications. It is the duty of the Agricultural Officer(AO) to recommend in the said applications, for the distribution of subsidized items. Based on the applications, it is the duty of the Depot Manager to issue the subsidized items to the farmers, after collecting balance amount through cash bill, after deducting the subsidy rate. If inputs like Seeds, fertilizer etc., are given under 100% subsidy rate, then it should be issued to the farmers on free of cost through cash bill from the Depots by the Depot Managers, as recommended in the applications by the Agricultural Officers.

The said balance amounts so collected from the farmers are remitted to the government heads. Then, adjustment bills are recommended to the concerned Assistant Directors of Agriculture, by the concerned Agricultural Officers and Depot Managers for adjusting the subsidy amount in government head. Based on the adjustment bills, Demi-Contingent Bills (DC bills) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury by the concerned Assistant Director of Agriculture (ADA) for final settlement in Govt., account. The Preliminary Enquiry revealed that accused A1 to A12, during their respective tenure, abusing their official positions, fabricated the official records like applications, bill books, subsidy registers and Stock Registers etc., and cheated the government and farmers, and misappropriated the government subsidy amount as follows:

The enquiry revealed that during the financial year 2012-13, Rs.1,01,495/- was spent as subsidy under **Integrated Cereal Development Programme (ICDP)**, for Paddy seed distribution to the farmers in Erode block, as per DC Bill No-2/2012-13, for both Extension centers Erode and Chittode (sub-center). In which, 15360 Kgs of Paddy seed were supplied to 312 farmers, from Erode Extension Center and subsidy of Rs.5 per Kilogram was given to the farmers. The total subsidy of Rs.76,800/- was spent towards 15360 Kgs of Paddy seed as if seeds were given under subsidy rate and each farmer was supplied with 50 Kgs of Paddy Seed.

While implementing the Scheme, accused A1 Tr.S.Shanmugasundaram, the then ADA, A6 Tr.P.Shyamsundar, the then AO, A7 Tr.N.Balamurugan, the then

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AAO and A3 Tr.K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other and fabricated applications, Bill Book and Subsidy Register in the names of existing and non existing persons/farmers; forged the signatures of the farmers in applications, bill books and subsidy register and using the said forged documents as genuine, sanctioned DC Bill No-2/2012-13 and dishonestly misappropriated government subsidy amount to the tune of Rs.76,800/-, recommended through adjustment bill no.18/12-13, without actually distributing the Paddy seeds to farmers.

The enquiry revealed that during the financial year 2012-13, Rs.1,31,230/- was spent as subsidy under **Seed Village Scheme**, for Paddy seed distribution to farmers in Erode block, as per Demi-Condigent Bill No-6/2012-13 (for both Extension centers Erode and Chittode), in which, Paddy seeds were supplied to the farmers with Rs.10 per Kgs as subsidy. In this regard, out of 3 adjustment bills found for Chittode and Erode Extension Centers, 2 adjustment bills were found for Erode Extension Center. Of the 2 bills, adjustment Bill No.20/12-13 was for 3400 Kgs of Paddy seed in respect of 170 farmers for the total subsidy of Rs.34,000/-. Each farmer was supplied with 20 Kgs of Paddy Seed.

While implementing the scheme, accused A1 Tr.S.Shanmugasundaram, the then ADA, A6 Tr.P.Shyamsundar, the then AO, A7 Tr.N.Balamurugan, the then AAO and A3 Tr.K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other, fabricated applications, Bill Books and Subsidy Register in the names of non-existing persons/farmers and forged the signatures of the farmers in applications, bill books and subsidy registers and using the forged documents as genuine, sanctioned DC Bill No-6/2012-13 and dishonestly misappropriated government subsidy amount to the tune of Rs.34,000/- recommended through adjustment bill No.20/12-13, without actually distributing Paddy seeds to farmers.

The enquiry revealed that during the financial year 2012-13, Rs.63,819/- was spent as subsidy under Seed Village Scheme, for Paddy seed distribution to farmers in Erode block, as per Demi-Condigent Bill No-7/2012-13 (for Erode extension Centre only), in which, Paddy seed were supplied to the farmers under 50% subsidy. The DC bill was sanctioned and allowed by accused A1 Tr.S.Shanmugasundaram, the then ADA on 20.3.13. Though the bill was

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sanctioned during 2012-13, seeds were shown as supplied to the farmers during 13-14 as per records and each farmer was supplied with 20Kgs of Paddy Seed.

While implementing the scheme, accused A1 Tr.S.Shanmugasundaram, the then ADA, A6 Tr.P.Shyamsundar, the then AO, A7 Tr.N.Balamurugan, the then AAO and A3 Tr.K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other and fabricated applications and Bill Book in the names non-existing persons/farmers and forged the signatures of the farmers in applications and bill book and using the said forged documents as genuine, sanctioned DC Bill No-7/2012-13 and dishonestly misappropriated government subsidy amount to the tune of Rs.63,819/-, recommended through adjustment bill No.22/12-13, without actually distributing Paddy seeds to farmers.

The enquiry revealed that during the financial year 2013-14, Rs.1,65,571/- was spent as subsidy under **Seed Village Scheme**, for Paddy seed, Groundnut Seed etc., as per DC Bill No-3/2013-14 (for Erode extension center only). In this, it was recorded as if Paddy seeds were supplied to the farmers under 50% of subsidy. Out of 4 adjustment bills, Bill No. 4/13-14 was recommended to the accused A1 Tr.S.Shanmugasundaram, for Rs.64,061/- by A6 Tr.P.Shyamsundar, the then AO and A3 Tr.K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager for 4134 Kgs of Paddy seed under 50% rate of subsidy. In which, it was recorded as if 5 varieties of paddy seeds were supplied to many farmers, including 600 Kgs of ADT-36 variety seeds were supplied to 30 farmers and each farmer was supplied with 20 Kgs of Paddy Seed.

While implementing the scheme, accused A1 Tr.S.Shanmugasundaram, the then ADA, A6 Tr.P.Shyamsundar, the then AO, A7 Tr.N.Balamurugan, the then AAO and A3 Tr.K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other, fabricated applications and cash Bill Book in the names of existing and non-existing persons/farmers and forged the signatures of the farmers in the applications and cash bill, and using the forged documents as genuine, sanctioned DC Bill No-3/2013-14 and dishonestly misappropriated government subsidy amount to the tune of Rs.64,061/- recommended through adjustment bill No.4/13-14, without actually distributing Paddy seeds to the farmers.

The enquiry revealed that during the financial year 2014-15, Rs.2,98,320/- was spent as subsidy under **Seed Village Scheme**, for Paddy seed,

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Groundnut Seed etc., as per DC Bill No-2/2014-15 (for Erode, Nasiyanur and Chittode extension centers), in which, Paddy seeds were also supplied to the farmers under 50% subsidy. In this DC bill, 7 adjustment bills were found for all 3 extension centers. Out of 7 adjustment bills, 3 were recommended from Erode extension center. Of them, adjustment Bill No. 12/14-15 was recommended to the accused A5 Tr.C.Periasamy, the then ADA, by A6 Tr.P.Shyamsundar, the then AO and A3 Tr.K.Sridhar, for 2940 Kgs of Paddy seeds (subsidy Rs.61005/-) containing 5 varieties including ASD-16. In this, 1400 Kgs of ASD-16 variety was recorded as if it was supplied to 70 farmers and each farmer was supplied with 20 Kgs of Paddy Seed.

While implementing the scheme, accused A5 Tr.C.Periasamy, the then ADA, A6 Tr.P.Shyamsundar, the then AO, A8 Tr.R.Sudharsan and A9 Tr.A.Govindan, both AAOs and A3 Tr.K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other and fabricated applications, Subsidy Register and cash Bill in the names of existing persons/farmers and forged the signatures of the farmers in applications, subsidy register and cash bills and using the forged documents as genuine, sanctioned DC Bill No-2/2014-15 and dishonestly misappropriated government subsidy amount to the tune of Rs.61,005/-, recommended through adjustment bill No.12/14-15, without actually distributing Paddy seeds to farmers.

The enquiry revealed that during the financial year **2014-15**, Rs.2,54,930/- was spent as subsidy under **National Agricultural Development Programme (NADP)**, for Paddy seed, as per DC Bill No-3/2014-15, in which, Rs.10 per Kilo gram was given as subsidy to the farmers. In this, 2 adjustment bills were found (one for Erode and another for Chittode). Adjustment Bill No. 14/14-15 was recommended for Erode Extension centre and it was signed only by A5 Tr.C.Periasamy, the then ADA for Rs.2,02,430/-, in which, 20243 kgs of paddy seeds were shown as supplied to the farmers under subsidy rate and each farmer was supplied with 50 Kgs of seed.

While implementing the Scheme, A5 Tr.C.Periasamy, the then ADA, A6 Tr.P.Shyamsundar, the then AO, A10 Tr.D.Senthil Kumar, the then AAO and A3 Tr.K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other and fabricated applications, cash Bill and subsidy register in the names of existing

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persons/farmers and forged the signatures of the farmers in applications, cash bill and subsidy register and using the forged documents as genuine, sanctioned DC Bill No-3/2014-15 and dishonestly misappropriated government subsidy amount to the tune of Rs.2,02,430/-, recommended through adjustment bill No.14/14-15, without actually distributing Paddy seeds to farmers.

The enquiry revealed that during the financial year 2015-16, Rs.170574/- was spent as subsidy under **Seed Village Scheme** to Paddy, Oil Seeds etc., as per DC Bill No.1/2015-16, in which, Rs.10 per Kgs was given as subsidy for Paddy seeds. In this, 6 adjustment bills were found for Chittode and Erode Extension Centers. Of them, adjustment Bill No. 4/15-16 is in respect of Erode Block for Rs.66,796/-. This belongs to 6 varieties of Paddy seeds comprising 6679.6 Kgs, including 5888.8 Kgs of IR-20 variety. Each farmer was supplied with 20 Kgs of Paddy Seed.

While implementing the Scheme, accused A5 Tr.C.Periasamy, the then ADA, A2 Tmt.C.Sasikala, AO, A8 Tr.R.Sudharsan and A10 Tr.D.Senthilkumar, both were AAOs colluded with each other and fabricated applications, cash Bill and subsidy register in the names of existing and non-existing persons/farmers and forged the signatures of the farmers in applications and subsidy register and using the forged documents as genuine, sanctioned DC Bill No.1/2015-16 and dishonestly misappropriated government subsidy amount to the tune of Rs.66,796/-, recommended through adjustment bill No.4/15-16, without actually distributing Paddy seeds to farmers.

The enquiry revealed that during the financial year 2015-16, Rs.17,000/- was spent as subsidy under **National Agricultural Development Programme(NADP)**, to Paddy Seed, as per DC Bill No-2/2015-16. Rs.10 per Kilogram was given as subsidy for Paddy seeds to the farmers. In this, 2 adjustment bills were found for Erode and Chittode Extension centers. Adjustment Bill No.2/15-16 was recommended for Erode Extension centre and in which, 1500 Kgs of Paddy seeds were recorded as if they were supplied to 30 farmers and each farmer was supplied with 50 Kgs of Paddy Seed.

While implementing the Scheme, accused A5 Tr.C.Periasamy, the then ADA, A2 Tmt.C.Sasikala, AO and A10 Tr.D.Senthilkumar, the then AAO colluded

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with each other and fabricated applications and subsidy register in the names of existing and non-existing persons/farmers and forged the signatures of the farmers in applications and subsidy register and using the forged documents as genuine, sanctioned DC Bill No.2/2015-16 and dishonestly misappropriated government subsidy amount to the tune of Rs.15,000/-, in respect of 30 farmers recommended through adjustment bill No.2/15-16, without actually distributing Paddy seeds to farmers.

Mini kits containing seeds like Groundnut, Gingili etc were supplied to the farmers under 100% subsidy in order to promote new varieties of seeds. It was sponsored by the central government to the farmers through the Director of Agriculture, Chennai. Then, the mini kits were supplied to the Block level offices from Chennai. Mini kits have to be supplied to the farmers on receipt of application. While giving mini kit to farmers, cash bills were also prepared by the Depot Manager without indicating any value. There are no adjustment bills and DC bills for this mini kit item, as it was supplied by Central Government on free of cost. However, it has some values as per government records. Mini kits received at Erode block were not directly supplied to farmers. Even applications were also not collected. The Depot manager and AAOs had colluded with each other, abusing their official positions, cheated the government and farmers, and recorded in the official records as if mini kits were supplied by the Depot Manager to the AAOs directly and misappropriated the government subsidy amount.

Though some Mini Kits were intended to previous financial years, they were issued during subsequent years. During the financial year 2012-13, accused A7 Tr.N.Balamurugan, the then AAO and A3 K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other, in order to derive pecuniary gain for them, violating the norms, took the 4 varieties of Groundnut mini kits totaling 47 bags valued Rs.54,520/- through bill no.0461920, dt.28.3.13, which was exclusively intended for supplying to farmers free of cost. A11 Tr.R.Balasundar, the then AAO and A3 K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other, in order to derive pecuniary gain for them, violating the norms, took the 4 varieties of Groundnut mini kits totaling 45 bags valued Rs.52,200/- through bill no.0461919, dt.28.3.13, which was exclusively intended for supplying to farmers free of cost. A12 Tr.M.Gurumoorthy, the then AAO and A3 K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager

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colluded with each other, in order to derive pecuniary gain for them, violating the norms, took the 4 varieties of Groundnut mini kits totaling 39 bags valued Rs.45,240/- through bill no.0461922, dt.28.3.13, which was exclusively intended for supplying to farmers free of cost.

During the financial year **2013-14**, A12 Tr.M.Gurumoorthy, the then AAO and A3 K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other, in order to derive pecuniary gain for them, violating the norms, took the 4 varieties of Groundnut mini kits totaling 27 bags valued Rs.31,725/- through bill no.0462816, dt.17.9.13, which was exclusively intended for supplying to farmers free of cost. A7 Tr.N.Balamurugan, the then AAO and A3 K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other, in order to derive pecuniary gain for them, violating the norms, took the 4 varieties of Groundnut mini kits totaling 26 bags valued Rs.30,550/- through bill no.0462817, dt.20.9.13, which was exclusively intended for supplying to farmers free of cost. A11 Tr.R.Balasundar, the then AAO and A3 K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other, in order to derive pecuniary gain for them, violating the norms, took the 4 varieties of Groundnut mini kits totaling 27 bags valued Rs.31,725/- through bill no.0462818, dt.20.9.13, which was exclusively intended for supplying to farmers free of cost.

During the financial year **2014-15**, A9 Tr.A.Govindan, the then AAO and A3 K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other, in order to derive pecuniary gain for them, violating the norms, took the 4 varieties of Groundnut mini kits totaling 85 bags valued Rs.99,875/- through bill no.0183177, dt.29.4.14, which was exclusively intended for supplying to farmers free of cost. A12 Tr.M.Gurumoorthy, the then AAO and A3 K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other, in order to derive pecuniary gain for them, violating the norms, took the 4 varieties of Groundnut mini kits totaling 85 bags valued Rs.99,875/- through bill no.0183178, dt.29.4.14, which was exclusively intended for supplying to farmers free of cost.

During the financial year **2015-16**, A9 Tr.A.Govindan, the then AAO and A3 K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager colluded with each other, in order to derive pecuniary gain for them, violating the norms, took the 5 varieties of Groundnut mini kits totaling 55 bags valued Rs.64,625/- through bill no.0982679, dt.29.6.15, which was exclusively intended for supplying to farmers free of cost. A3 K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager, in order to derive pecuniary gain for him, violating the norms, created false bill no.0982680, dt.29.6.15 in the name of

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A10 Tr.D.Senthilkumar, the then AAO and took the 5 varieties of Groundnut mini kits totaling 38 bags valued Rs.44,650/-, which was exclusively intended for supplying to farmers free of cost. A3 K.Sridhar, the then Depot Manager, in order to derive pecuniary gain for him, violating the norms, created false bill no.0982681, dt.29.6.15 in the name of A8 Tr.R.Sudharsan, the then AAO and took the 5 varieties of Groundnut mini kits totaling 37 bags valued Rs.43,475/-, which was exclusively intended for supplying to farmers free of cost.

Apart from the said mini kits, during the financial year 2015-16, mini kits containing Groundnut-K6 seeds of 50 bags were supplied to the 50 farmers as per bill book. This Groundnut-K6 was supplied to the Erode depot during 15-16 and cost of one bag is Rs.1290/-. A2 Tmt.C.Sasikala, AO and A10 Tr.D.Senthilkumar, AAO colluded with each other and fabricated applications and made false entries in the subsidy register in the names existing persons/farmers and forged the signatures of the farmers in applications and in the subsidy register and using the forged documents as genuine, took away 50 Groundnut mini kits each valued Rs.1290/- and misappropriated the government funds to the tune of Rs.64,500/-.

Then, from 01.02.16 to 30.3.16, an audit was conducted at the O/o the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Erode Block, for the accounts pertaining to the financial year 13-14 and 14-15, under leadership of Tr.J.Vijayakumar, Inspector of Local fund Audit, Erode along with the assistance of his subordinates Tmt.C.Kalaivani, Deputy Inspector of Local fund Audit, Erode and Tr.S.Palanisamy, Sub-Inspector of Local fund Audit, Erode. Though audit for the period 2013-14 and 2014-15 was conducted, A1 and A3 who held the post of AD and Depot Manager respectively were not holding their post at the time of audit i.e., during February and March 2016. A2 was holding the post. Neither Accuseds' 1 to 3 nor successors of A1 and A3; and A2 produced the records for the audit team with the malafide intention or suppressing their malpractices.

A4 Tr.V.Balakrishnan was working as Physical Verification Superintendent at the O/o JD Agri, Coimbatore during the relevant period of allegation and he violating his duty of verifying the actual stock at all depots coming under his control including Erode block depot by surprise visit, has conducted surprise verification at Erode Depot on 31.03.2015 and on 06.11.2015, about the stocks for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively and signed in first page of the stock register. Then,

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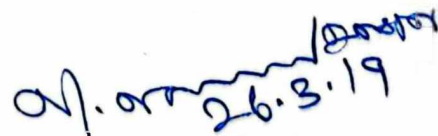
A4 verified very few items and signed but, he had wantonly avoided verifying all the stocks to find out whether the stock was physically present or not and offering his remarks. Moreover, in Shortage Register maintained at Erode Block, A4 made entries on 31.3.15 as if there was no shortage. A4 had done it to do favour to other accused and to suppress the offences committed by them.

The Preliminary Enquiry revealed that the accused A1 to A12, hatched criminal conspiracy, during their respective tenure as stated above, abused their official positions and fabricated false records, used the fabricated records as genuine, falsified the accounts in government records, cheated the government and farmers and misappropriated the government funds.

The Preliminary Enquiry revealed that there is prima facie cognizable offence made out against the accused A1 to A12 that all the accused being public servants, abusing their official positions, committed the offences punishable u/s 109, 167, 465, 467, 468, 471, 474, 477-A, 409, 420 IPC and 13(2) r/w 13(1) (c) & 13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Hence, I am registering a case in Erode Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Cr.No. 04/AC/2019 u/s 109, 167, 465, 467, 468, 471, 474, 477-A, 409, 420 IPC and 13(2) r/w 13(1) (c) & 13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, as instructed by the DVAC, today on 26.03.2019 at 17.00 hrs.

Original FIR is submitted to the Chief Judicial Magistrate and Special Judge, Erode and a copy of FIR is submitted to Tr.S.Pushparaj, DSP, V&AC, Erode for investigation and a copy of FIR is submitted to the Director, Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Chennai, for information.

  
(M.NATARAJAN)  
Inspector of Police,  
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,  
Erode-3.