

FIRST INFORMATION REPORT

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

TAMIL NADU POLICE
INTEGRATED INVESTIGATION FORM-I

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1. District : Salem PS: V & AC Year: 2021 FIR No.: S/AC/2021 Date: 28.01.2021
மாவட்டம் காவல்நிலையம் ஆண்டு மு.த.அ. எண் நாள்
2. (i) Act சட்டம்: The Prevention of Corruption (Amended) Act 2018 Sections பிரிவுகள்: 13(a) r/w 13(b)(a)
(ii) Act சட்டம்: } (iii) Act சட்டம்: } IPC. Sections பிரிவுகள்: 130-B, 167, 409, 420,
Sections பிரிவுகள்: 465, 467, 468, 471, and 474.
- (iv) Other Acts & Sections பிற சட்டங்களும், பிரிவுகளும் :
3. (a) Occurrence of Offence Day : Date from : 2018 Date to : 2019
குற்ற நிகழ்வு நாள் நாள் முதல் நாள் வரை
Time Period : Time from : நேரம் முதல் நேரம் வரை
நேர அளவு நேரம் முதல் நேரம் வரை
- (b) Information Received at PS. Date : 23.01.2021 Time : நேரம்
காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு தகவல் கிடைத்த நாள் நேரம்
- (c) General Diary Reference : Entry No(s) 28.01.2021 Time : 12.00hrs.
பொது நாட்குறிப்பில் பதிவு விவரம் எண் நேரம்
4. Type of Information : Written/ Oral :
தகவலின் வகை : எழுத்து மூலம் / வாய் மொழியாக Suo-motto.
5. Place of Occurrence (a) Direction and Distance from PS:
குற்ற நிகழ்விடம் (அ) காவல்நிலையத்திலிருந்து எவ்வளவு தூரமும், எத்திசையும்
Beat Number : (b) Address : O/o the Executive Officers, Sanjogit,
முறைக் காவல் எண் முகவரி Sentharapathy, Thammampatty, Pethanaiickan
Palayam, Kannankurichi, Smalur, Edanganasalai,
Pahanganarathupatty and Kaeri patty, Salem Dt.,
- (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 : P. Thayamani (b) Father's/ Husband's Name : K. Pannusamy
குற்றமுறையிட்டாளர்/ தகவல் தந்தவர் பெயர் தந்தை/ கணவர் பெயர் (Chate)
- (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 K. Pannusamy patty, Salem.
7. Details of Known/Suspected/Unknown accused with full particulars. (Attach separate sheet if necessary)
தெரிந்த / ஐயப்பாட்டிற்குரிய / தெரியாத குற்றஞ்சாட்டப்பட்டவரின் முழுமையான விவரங்கள்
(தேவையெனில் தனித்தாள் இணைக்கவும்)
- Separate sheet herewith enclosed.
8. Reasons for delay in reporting by the complainant / Informant:
குற்றமுறையிட்டாளரால் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரால் முறையிட்டதில் தகவல் கொடுப்பதில் தாமதம்
On receipt of information, a Confidential enquiry was first
conducted and hereafter this case is registered.

9. Particulars of properties stolen / involved (Attach separate sheet if necessary)
களவாடப்பட்ட / களவிற்குள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் விவரம் (தேவையெனில் தனித் தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)
10. Total value of properties stolen / involved :
களவாடப்பட்ட / களவிற்குள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் மொத்த மதிப்பு
11. Inquest Report / Un-natural death Case No. if any:
பிண விசாரணை அறிக்கை / இயற்கைக்கு மாறான இறப்பு எண் ஏதேனும் இருந்தால்
12. FIR Contents (Attach separate sheet, if required) :
முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கையின் சுருக்கம். (தேவையெனில் தனித்தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

A separate sheet herewith enclosed.

13. Action taken : Since the above report reveals commission of offence(s) as mentioned at item No.2 registered the case and took up the investigation / directed T. N. Narayana Rank Inspector of Police to take up the Investigation / Refused Investigation / transferred to PS.....on point of jurisdiction.

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

முதலி. குற்றமுறையீட்டாளருக்கு / தகவல் தந்தவருக்கு படித்துக்காட்டி, அது சரியாக எழுதப்பட்டு இருப்பதாக ஏற்றுக் கொள்ளப்பட்டு, அதன் படி நகல் ஒன்று இலவசமாக கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.

14. Signature / Thumb Impression of the Complainant / Informant
குற்றமுறையீட்டாளர் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரின் ஒப்பம் / பெருவிரல் இரேகைப் பதிவு Suo motu

Signature of the Officer in-charge, Police Station
காவல் நிலைய பொறுப்பு அலுவலரின் ஒப்பம்

15. Date & Time of despatch to the court:

நீதிமன்றத்திற்கு அனுப்பப்பட்ட நாளும், நேரமும் 28.01.2021
13.00hrs

Name: பெயர் P. Thangamani
Rank: நிலை Inspector of Police,

Vigilance and Anti Corruption,
Salem.

**ATTACHMENT TO COLUMN No.7 OF THE FIRST INFORMATION REPORT
IN VIGILANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION, SALEM DETACHMENT
CRIME No.3/AC/2021.**

Details of Accused(s):

A-1	Tr.N.M.Murugan, formerly Assistant Director of Town Panchayats Salem Zone, Salem (now retired).
A-2	Tr.S.Balasubramani, Executive Officer, Sankagiri Special Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District.
A-3	Tr.D.Srinivasan, Executive Officer, Sentharapatty Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District.
A-4	Tr.K.Sundaramurthi, Executive Officer, Thammampatty Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District.
A-5	Tr.V.Ganesh, formerly Executive Officer, Valapady Town Panchayat and holding full additional of Pethanaickenpalayam Town Panchayat, Salem District.
A-6	Tr.S.Arumuganainar, Executive Officer, Kannankuruchi Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District.
A-7	Tr.R.Ashokkumar, formerly Executive Officer, Omalur Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District.
A-8	Tr.M.Meganathan, formerly Executive Officer, Edanganasalai Town Panchayat, Salem District.
A-9	Tr.K.Ganesan, formerly Executive Officer, Panamarathupatty First Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District.
A-10	Tr.M.Kadar Batcha, formerly Executive Officer, Keeripatty First Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District.


(P.THANGAMANI),
Inspector of Police,

Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
Salem.

**ATTACHMENT TO COLUMN No.12 OF THE FIRST INFORMATION REPORT
IN SALEM VIGILANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION, SALEM DETACHMENT
CRIME No.03/AC/2021**

The accused A-1 Tr.N.M.Murugan was formerly working as Assistant Director of Town Panchayats Salem Zone, Salem during the relevant period from 29.01.2018 to 15.12.2019 and he retired from service on superannuation on 31.01.2020.

A-2 Tr.S.Balasubramani is working as Executive Officer, Sankagiri Special Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District from 06.03.2019 to till date and he is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2021.

A-3 Tr.D.Srinivasan is working as Executive Officer, Senthapattay Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District from 01.03.2019 to till date and he is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.04.2029.

A-4 Tr.K.Sundaramurthi is working as Executive Officer, Thammampattay Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District from 04.03.2019 to till date and he is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2021.

A-5 Tr.V.Ganesh was formerly working as Executive Officer, Valapady Town Panchayat and holding full additional of Pethanaickenpalayam Town Panchayat, Salem District from 01.06.2018 to 28.02.2019 and now he is working in Madambakkam Special Grade Town Panchayat, Chennai and he is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2023.

A-6 Tr.S.Arumuganainar is working as Executive Officer, Kannankuruchi Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District from 23.04.2018 to till date and he is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.04.2023.

A-7 Tr.R.Ashokkumar was formerly working as Executive Officer, Omalur Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District during the relevant period from 03.04.2017 to 11.03.2020 and now he is working as Municipal

Commissioner, Periyakulam Municipality, Theni District and he is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2034.

A-8 Tr.M.Meganathan was formerly working as Executive Officer, Edanganasalai Town Panchayat, Salem District during the relevant period from 18.10.2019 to 17.11.2019 and now he is working in Maruthur Town Panchayat, Karur District and he is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2024.

A-9 Tr.K.Ganesan was formerly working as Executive Officer, Panamarathupatty First Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District during the relevant period from 28.06.2017 to 30.11.2019 and now he is working in Konganapuram Town Panchayat, Salem District and he is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 28.02.2024.

A-10 Tr.M.Kadar Batcha was formerly working as Executive Officer, Keeripatty First Grade Town Panchayat, Salem District during the relevant period from 04.09.2019 to 05.02.2020 and now he is working in Seranmadevi Town Panchayat, Thirunelveli District and he is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 28.02.2026.

The accused A-1 to A-10 are public servants as defined u/s 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 during the relevant period of offence.

Based on the Vigilance Report in VR No.20894/2020/TP/SL, the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (TP4) Department, Secretariat, Chennai in letter 2(D) No.65, dated 30.11.2020 has given permission to register the Regular Case and the DVAC issued further order to register the case.

It is found that the accused A-1 was having responsibilities to call for requirements from the Executive Officers of Town Panchayat in Salem Zone (Salem & Namakkal Districts) for the purchase and supply of fogging machines to all the Town Panchayats in Salem Zone by following the Tender Procedures

as instructed by the Director of Town Panchayats Chennai vide circular in Na.Ka.No.../2015/C1 Dated 30.01.2015. A-2 to A-10 while working as Selection Grade Executive Officers and Executive Officers respectively under A-1, having responsibilities to take appropriate measures to prevent spreading of Dengue, Swine flu, Bird flu and other epidemic diseases in their respective Town Panchayat areas by spraying the insecticides such as “Pyrethrum” and “Abet” through sprayers and fogging machines properly in appropriate proportions in co-ordination with the staff of public health department.

Further in order to prevent the outbreak of Dengue, Swine flu, bird flu and other epidemic diseases, the government have issued orders to the Director of Health services and preventive medicines Chennai, Commissioner of Municipal Administration Chennai, Director of Town Panchayats Chennai and the Director of Rural Development Chennai to spray insecticides, larvicides, adultricides in the stagnant waters, sewage cannels and drainages by using ‘Pyrethrum’ and “Abet” etc.

Further it is found that, as per instructions of the Government, the Director of Town Panchayats Chennai, directed all Zonal Assistant Directors of Town Panchayats and all Executive Officers of Town Panchayats in the State, vide his circular Na.Ka.No.../2015/C1 Dated.30.01.2015, to take appropriate measures to prevent spreading of Dengue, Swine flu, Bird flu and other epidemic diseases in their respective Town Panchayat areas. In this regard it was strictly instructed to purchase the indoor and outdoor fogging machines from the General Fund of the respective Town Panchayats in the following manner. For the purpose of spraying the said insecticides fogging machines are to be purchased.

Sl.No.	Category of the Town Panchayat.	Total No. of indoor fogging machine to be purchased.	Total No. of outdoor fogging machine to be purchased.
1	Special Grade Town Panchayat.	2	1

2	Selection Grade Town Panchayat.	2	1
3	First Grade Town Panchayat.	2	1
4	Second Grade Town Panchayat.	1	1

Based on the instructions of the Director of Town Panchayat, Chennai, the Assistant Director of Town Panchayats, Salem Zone issued circular Na.Ka.No.877/2014/P3, Dated.17.12.2015 to all the Executive Officers of Salem Zone that those who are not having any indoor and outdoor fogging machine to purchase the fogging machine from the government approved firms with the approved rates and report compliance. Based on the above said instructions, the following 9 Executive Officers in Salem District had purchased the indoor and outdoor hand fogging machines during the period between 2015 and 2016 in the following manner and some of the Executive Officers had purchased excess quantity as against the norms fixed by the Director of Town Panchayats, Chennai and the same are being in use.

Sl. No	Category of Town Panchayat.	Total No. of indoor fogging machines purchased.	Total No. of outdoor fogging machines purchased.
1.	Special Grade Town Panchayat, Sankagiri, Salem District.	2	1
2.	Special Grade Town Panchayat, Sentharpatty, Salem District.	4	1
3.	Special Grade Town Panchayat, Thammampatty, Salem District	3	1

4.	Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Pethanaickkanpalayam, Salem District.	2	1
5.	Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Kannankurichi, Salem District.	5	1
6.	Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Omalur, Salem District.	5	2
7.	First Grade Town Panchayat, Edanganasalai, Salem District.	2	1
8.	First Grade Town Panchayat, Panamarathupatty, Salem District.	2	1
9.	First Grade Town Panchayat, Keeripatty, Salem District	2	1

Further it is found that A-1 to A-10 abetted each other, entered in to a criminal conspiracy and with the proprietors of M/s Crescent Traders, Chennai, M/s Naga Traders, Chennai and M/s Shree RR Traders, Ponneri, Thiruvallur District, created forged quotations in the name of M/s AVT Agencies, D.No.181, Naganathar Illam, North Andar Street, Thiruchirapalli, called for quotations / tenders from them for the purchase of vehicle mounted fogging machine instead of following the tender procedures, subsequently during the year 2018-19 also and after having received huge sum as illegal gratification from them, A-2 to A-10 selected M/s Crescent Traders, Chennai, M/s Naga Traders, Chennai and M/s Shree RR Traders, Ponneri, Thiruvallur as L-1 and purchased the same for their Town Panchayat at exorbitant rates and settled the amount after getting ratification / countersign from A-1. In this

regard the Director of Town Panchayats, Chennai has not issued any order to the Zonal Assistant Director of Town Panchayats and Executive Officers for the purchase of vehicle mounted fogging machine. The A-2 to A-10 had received only 3 quotations in the names of following firms.

Sl. No	Name of the Town Panchayats	Quotation obtained from whom	Amount quoted including GST.	L-1
1	Sangakiri, Sentharpatty, Thammampatty,	M/s Crescent Traders, Theivasigamani Street, Subbaravu Nagar, Chennai.	5,75,604.00	M/s Crescent Traders
		M/s Muthu Traders, No.8/4066 C, Cholan Nagar, Anna Nagar East, P.N.Road, Thiruppur.	5,87,640.00	
		M/s TVM Traders, R.Devaraj Indrani Complex, No.1, 3 rd floor, Selvanagar, Vengikkal, Thiruvannamalai .	6,01,800.00	
2	Pethanaickanpal ayam, Kannankurichi, Omalur,	M/s Naga Traders, No.3/121A, Godhavan Stret, Padmavathi Nagar, Chennai.	5,75,604.00	M/s Naga Traders
		M/s AVT Agencies, No.181, Naganathar Illam, North Andavar Street, Thiruchirapalli.	5,84,100.00	
		M/s M.M Enterprises, Door No.8/65, Annai Sivagami Nagar, Rettipalayam, Thanjavur.	5,87,640.00	
3	Edanganasalai, Panamarathupatty Keeripatty,	M/s Shree RR Traders, No.83, KPK Nagar, Andarkuppam, Ponchetti, Ponneri, Thiruvallur District.	5,72,000.00	M/s Shree RR Traders

	M/s Deva Traders, No.98/2, Ramasamy Lay out, Neelikonampalayam, Coimbatore South, Coimbatore.	5,73,500.00	
	M/s Nedunchelian Enterprises, No.2/2, R.S. Nagar, Karayampalayam, Mylampatti, Coimbatore.	5,74,000.00	

Further, it is found that the quotation or tender has been called for only from the same 3 firms / companies in the concerned field of activities. Notifications were not made to give wide publicity, in order to avoid participation by persons not yielding to their demands. Even when the Director of Town Panchayats has not issued any orders to the Assistant Director of Town Panchayats, Executive Officers for the purchase of vehicle mounted fogging machines, the following 9 Executive Officers of Town Panchayats had wantonly purchased the Aspee Thermal Aerosol + Jet fogging machine for outdoor use for a sum of Rs.5,75,604/- and Rs.5,72,000/- per machine at exorbitant rates and the same were kept idle at their Town Panchayats, when M/s Banumathi Agencies, Coimbatore an authorized dealer for the same specified vehicle mounted Thermal Aerosol + Jet fogging machine supplied only at the rate of Rs.2,41,000/- + GST Rs.21,690/-totally Rs.2,62,690/- per machine during the relevant period. The difference of cost is Rs.3,12,914/- and Rs.3,09,310/- per machine. Considerable loss has been caused to government funds by such willful violation of rules by the accused A-1 to A-10 as follows.

Sl. No	Name of the accused	Date of Purchase	Actual Amount including GST.	Purchased Amount including GST.	Difference Amount.	Loss to Govt.
1	A-2 Tr.S.Balasubramani, Executive Officer, Special Grade Town Panchayat, Sankari, Salem.	15.10.19	2,62,690/-	5,75,604/	3,12,914/	3,12,914/-

2	A-3 Tr.D.Srinivasan, Executive Officer, Special Grade Town Panchayat, Sentharapatty, Salem District.	15.10.19	2,62,690/-	5,75,604/ -	3,12,914/ -	3,12,914/-
3	A-4 Tr.K.Sundaramurt hi, Executive Officer, Special Grade Town Panchayat, Thammampatty, Salem District.	15.10.19	2,62,690/-	5,75,604/ -	3,12,914/ -	3,12,914/-
4	A-5 Tr.V.Ganesh, Executive Officer, Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Pethanaickkanpal ayam, Salem Dt.	25.9.18	2,62,690/-	5,75,604/ -	3,12,914/ -	3,12,914/-
5	A-6 Tr.S.Arumuganain ar, Executive Officer, Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Kannankurichi, Salem District.	25.9.18	2,62,690/-	5,75,604/ -	3,12,914/ -	3,12,914/-
6	A-7 Tr.R.Ashokkumar formerly Executive Officer, Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Omalur, Salem.	21.9.18	2,62,690/-	5,75,604/ -	3,12,914/ -	3,12,914/-
7	A-8 Tr.M.Meganathan Executive Officer, First Grade Town Panchayat, Edanganasalai, Salem District.	29.10.19	2,62,690/-	5,72,000/ -	3,09,310/ -	3,09,310/-

8	A-9 Tr.K.Ganesan Executive Officer, First Grade Town Panchayat, Panamarathupatty Salem Dt.	21.11.19	2,62,690/-	5,72,000/	3,09,310/	3,09,310/-
9	A-10 Tr.M.Kadar Batcha Executive Officer, First Grade Town Panchayat, Keeripatty, Salem District.	21.11.19	2,62,690/-	5,72,000/	3,09,310/	3,09,310/-
TOTAL						28,05,414/-

Further it is found that, the Assistant Director Town Panchayats Tr.N.M.Murugan and the above said 9 Executive Officers of Town Panchayats, in connivance with M/s Crescent Traders, Chennai, M/s Naga Traders, Chennai and M/s Shree RR Traders, Ponneri, Thiruvallur obtained 3 quotations at exorbitant rate that too from the related firms and arranged to supply the vehicle mounted outdoor fogging machines to Town Panchayats. The differential rates about Rs.3,12,914/- and Rs.3,09,310/- per machine was the excess amount spent in the names of M/s Crescent Traders, Chennai, M/s Naga Traders, Chennai and M/s Shree RR Traders, Ponneri, Thiruvallur District, which the Assistant Director of Town Panchayats, Salem Zone (A-1) and the said 9 Executive Officers (A-2 to A-10) had obtained as illegal gain from the said firms. To boost up the sale of materials, the said firm had issued quotations in the names of 3 firms at a very high rate than the actual rate so that they can get huge profit and the Assistant Director of Town Panchayats, Salem Zone and the Executive Officers can avail the excess amount as illegal gratification. Thereby the Assistant Director of Town Panchayats, Salem Zone Tr.N.M.Murugan and the above said 9 Executive Officers had obtained illegal personal gain and caused huge loss to the Town Panchayat funds and misappropriated the government fund to the tune of Rs.28,05,414/-.

It is further found that, the A-1 Tr.N.M.Murugan, Assistant Director of Town Panchayats had ratified the illegal purchase of vehicle mounted fogging machine for a sum of Rs.5,75,604/- and Rs.5,72,000/- by the accused A-2 to A-10 by violating the Tamil Nadu Tender Transparency in Tenders Act 1998 and GO (Ms) No.206, Finance (Salaries) Department, Dated.04.07.2017 and countersigned in each purchase in the countersign register and then issued proceedings on various dates to the A-2 to A-10 for the settlement of voucher amount to M/s Crescent Traders, Chennai, M/s Naga Traders, Chennai and M/s Shree RR Traders, Ponneri, Thiruvallur District when the A-1 has no authority to ratify the said illegal purchase made by A-2 to A-10. Accordingly, the accused A-2 to A-10 had issued A/c payee cheques to the above said three firms.

Thus the above said act of the accused A-1 to A-10, being public servants, appears to have committed the offences punishable u/s 120-B, 167, 409, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 474 IPC and u/s 13 (2) r/w 13 (1) (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the Prevention of Corruption (Amended) Act, 2018.

Hence, today 28.01.2021 at 12.00 hrs I am registering a case in Salem V&AC Cr.No.3/AC/2021 u/s 120-B, 167, 409, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 474 IPC and u/s 13(2) r/w 13 (1) (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the Prevention of Corruption (Amended) Act, 2018.

Original FIR is submitted to the Hon'ble Special Judge for trial of cases under Prevention of Corruption Act Court, Salem and a copy of FIR is submitted to the Director, Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Chennai.


(P. THANGAMANI),
Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
Salem.