FIRST INFORMATION REPORT

முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கை

TAMIL NADU POLICE INTEGRATED INVESTIGATION FORM-I

(Under Section 154 Cr.P.C.) (கு.ந.வி.தொ.பிரிவு 154 இன் கீழ்)

C 8213084

Tirunelveli

Vigilance and Anti

FIR No :

01/2024 Date: 29.01.2024

1. District : மாவட்டம்

காவல்நிலையும்

Corruption ஆ ண்டு

மு.த.அ. எண்

(i) Act #LLD:

LP.C

Sections பிரிவுகள்: 409, 417, 465, 468, 471, 477(A)

(ii) Act &LLi:

PC (Amendment) Act, 2018

Sections பிரிவுகள்: 13(1)(a) r/w 13(2)

2024

(iii) Act சட்டம்:

Sections பிரிவுகள்:

(iv) Other Acts & Sections பிற சட்டங்களும், பிரிவுகளும் :

3. (a) Occurrence of Offence Day:

Date from : 2020 Date to:

2021

குற்ற நிகழ்வு நாள்

நாள் முதல்

நாள் வரை

Time Period :

Time from: நேரம் முதல்

Time to: நேரம் வரை

நேர அளவு (b) Information Received at PS. Date:

Time நேரம்

காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு தகவல் கிடைத்த நாள்

29.01.2024

16.00 hrs

(c) General Diary Reference : Entry No(s)

Time

பொது நாட்குறிப்பில் பதிவு விவரம் எண்

29.01.2024

16.00 hrs நேரம்

Type of Information: Written/ Oral:

தகவலின் வகை : எழுத்து மூலம் / வாய் மொழியாக

In typing (Computer)

Place of Occurrence (a) Direction and Distance from PS:

குற்ற நிகழ்விடம் (அ) காவலநிலையத்திலிருந்து எவ்வளவு தூரமும், எத்திசையும்

District Industries Centre,

Tirunelveli.

Beat Number:

(b) Address:

2.5 Km North East.

முறைக் காவல் எண்

முகவரி

(c) In case outside limit of this Police Station, then the Name of P.S:

இக்காவல் நிலைய எல்லைக்கப்பால் நடந்து இருக்குமாயின், அந்நிலையில் அந்த கா.நி.பெயர் மாவட்டம்

Complainant /Informant (a) Name:

D. Robin Gnanasingh

(b) Father's/ Husband's Na P. Thiraviamani

குற்றமுறையீட்டாளர்/ தகவல் தந்தவர் பெயர்

தந்தை / கணவர் பெயர்

(c) Date / Year of Birth: நாள் / பிறந்த ஆண்டு

(d) Nationality: 04.04.1974 நாட்டினம்

(e) Passport No.: INDIAN

வெளிநாட்டு கடவுச்சீட்டு எண

Date of Issue:

Place of Issue:

வழங்கப்பட்ட நாள்

வழங்கப்பட்ட இடம்

(f) Occupation : Inspector of Police

(g) Address:

Vigilance and Anti Corruption,

தொழில்

முகவரி

Tirunelveli Detachment.

7. Details of Known/Suspected/Unknown accused with full particulars. (Attach separate sheet if necessary) தெரிந்த / ஐயப்பாட்டிற்குறிய / தெரியாத குற்றஞ்சாட்டப்பட்டவரின் முழுமையான விவரங்கள்

(தேவையெனில் தனித்தாள் இணைக்கவும்)

Tr.O.Murugesh, Formerly General Manager/ Deputy Director (Technical), District Industries Centre, Tirunelveli, Presently General Manager/ Deputy Director (Technical), District Industries Centre, Kallakurichi. (Under suspension from 25.05.2022).

Reasons for delay in reporting by the complainant / Informant: குற்றமுறையீட்டாளரால் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரால் முறையிட்டதில் தகவல் கொடுப்பதில் தாமதம் Due to information

Particulars of properties stolen / involved (Attach separate sheet if necessary) களவாடப்பட்ட / களவிற்குள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் விவரம் (தேவையெனில் தனித் தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

Not arise

Total value of properties stolen / involved : 10. களவாடப்பட்ட / களவிற்குள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் மொத்த மதிப்பு

Not arise

- Inquest Report / Un-natural death Case No. if any: 11. பிண விசாரணை அறிக்கை / இயற்கைக்கு மாறான இறப்பு எண் ஏதேனும் இருந்தால்
- FIR Contents (Attach separate sheet, if required): 12. முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கையின் சுருக்கம். (தேவையெனில் தனித்தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

Not arise

Sir.

Today on 29.01.2024 when I, (D.Robin Gnanasingh, Inspector of Police) was in office of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Tirunelveli Detachment, I received the confidential official Memorandum in VR.No.109/2023/(34070)/I&C/TI, dated: 10.01.2024 along with the copy of approval u/s 17 (A)(1) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018, issued by the Competent Authority viz. Government in Letter No.7263/EII(2)/2023-2 of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises [EII(2)] Department dated 18.11.2023 against the Accused Officer for the below mentioned offences and registered the case in Tirunelveli V&AC Detachment, Crime No.01/2024 u/s 409, 417, 465, 468, 471, 477(A) of Indian Penal Code and section 13(1)(a) r/w 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 following the Vigilance Report.

/ Separate Sheet attached /

13.	Action taken: Since the above report reveals commission of offence strutes and took up the investigation / directed Rank to take up the Investigation / Refused Investigation / transferred to PS					
	எடுக்கப்பட்ட நடவடிக்கை : மேலே குற்ற முறையீட்டில் உள்ளவை பிரிவு 2ல் கூறப்பட்ட சட்ட பிரிவுப்படியான குற்றமாக வழக்கு பதிவு செய்து புலனாய்வுக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டது / பணிக்கப்படுதல் பதவி நிலை பணியாளரின் புலனாய்வுக்கு எடுத்துகொள்ள 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. மு.த.அ. குற்றமுறையீட்டாளருக்கு / தகவல் தந்தவருக்கு படித்துக்காட்டி, அது சரியாக எழுதப்பட்டு இருப்பதாக ஏற்றுக் கொள்ளப்புட்டு, அதன் படி நகல் ஒன்று இல்வசமாக கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.					

குற்றமுறையீட்டாளர் / தகவல் கொடுப்புவ பெருவிரல் இரேகைப் பதிவு

Date & Time of despatch to the court:

நீதிமன்றத்திற்கு அனுப்பப்பட்ட நாளும், நேரமும்

காவல்∕நிலைய பொறுப்பு அந

Continuation of Tirunelveli Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Crime No.01/2024:-

The Accused Officer Tr.O.Murugesh was working as the General Manager/ Deputy Director (Technical), District Industries Centre, Tirunelveli from 27.02.2018 to 28.08.2021 and he was transferred to Kallakurichi District and worked there from 29.08.2021 and was suspended from service on 25.05.2022 vide G.O (2D)·No.4 of MSME EII (2) Department.

In all districts of Tamil Nadu, the District Industries Centers are functioning under the head of the General Managers. The New Entrepreneur cum Enterprise Development Scheme, shortly known as NEEDS is being promoted by the Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Government of Tamil Nadu for providing opportunities for young/new educated entrepreneur with subsidy and supports for starting a new venture, Specially devised and Specifically implanted for promoting first entrepreneurial projects of first generation entrepreneurs. To develop the field of Small Scale Industries (Micro, Small and Medium manufacturing Enterprises) and to promote job opportunities, the Government of Tamil Nadu is providing subsidy amounts. In NEEDS scheme 25% of the total cost will be given as Subsidy amount by the Government through District Industries Centre.

Generally the NEEDS scheme beneficiaries would be interviewed by the NEEDS Task Force Committee headed by the District Collector and the said committee comprising of 9 various department heads including Bank officials as its member and the General Manager of the District Industries Centre will be the Convener for the committee.

As per the proceedings of the Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce, Chennai vide no.10716/NEEDS1/2020 dated 11.01.2021, subsidy amount of Rs.250 lakhs has been disbursed to Tirunelveli District by the Government under NEEDS scheme for the year 2020-2021. The subsidy amount has to be credited in the loan account of the eligible beneficiaries through Government treasury account. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, relaxations have been announced for the gathering of the said committee. By using the

opportunity of COVID-19 restrictions, the Accused Officer Tr.O.Murugesh misappropriated the subsidy amount allotted for the year 2020-21. Thus Accused Officer Tr.O.Murugesh is solely responsible for the allotment of subsidy amount to the NEEDS scheme beneficiaries during the year 2020-21. There is credible information that the Accused Officer Tr.O.Murugesh, during his tenure in Tirunelveli District, abused his official position by looting the subsidy amount allotted for the entrepreneurs.

The A.O Tr.O.Murugesh, being the General Manager of District Industries Centre, Tirunelveli had sanctioned about Rs.2,32,46,500/- of subsidy amount to 10 beneficiaries for the year 2020-21 for various loans and in this regard he had issued proceedings No.1930/A2/2020 on 03.02.2021. Among the 10 beneficiaries, 3 of them have been sanctioned with the subsidy amount of each Rs.48,75,000/- for hiring of vehicle loans and their details are mentioned in the following tabular column:

S.No	Name and Address of	Application	Bank, Branch &	Amount in
	the beneficiaries	No & File No	A/C No.	Rs
1.	A.Sivakumar,	2021/029/01	TMB,	48,75,000/-
	S/o Arumugam,	463/SDNJ	Palayamkottai,	,
	No.238,	&	152100050312383	
	Muppidathaiamman	NEEDS		
	Kovil street, Thenpathu,	33/2020-21		
	Tirunelveli			
2.	J.Mohamed Illyas,	2021/029/01	TMB,	48,75,000/-
	S/o Jani Batcha,	466/COGQ	Palayamkottai,	
	18/5-Avvaiyar Street,	&	152100050312391	
-	Sathiya Road,	NEEDS		
	Samathanapuram,	34/2020-21		
	Palayamkottai			
3.	T.Kathirsingh,	2021/029/01	TMB,	48,75,000/-
	S/o Thiruvadi, 27-East	465/KJDU	Palayamkottai,	
	Street, Ramayanpattai,	&	152100080201071	
	Palayamkottai(Taluk),	NEEDS		
	Tirunelveli (Dist).	56/2020-21	_	*

In the name of the above 3 beneficiaries, A.O Tr.O.Murugesh himself processed NEEDS subsidy scheme for hiring of vehicle loans without the

knowledge of them during the year 2020-2021. In this regard, the project report presented in the applications of the above mentioned 3 beneficiaries for hiring of vehicles under NEEDS scheme each for a sum of about Rs.2 crores and the loan amount mentioned for each beneficiary as Rs.1.5 crores in ICICI Bank, Tirunelveli Junction Branch and the subsidy amount as each Rs.50 lakhs. Though the loan process bank mentioned in the NEEDS scheme applications for the above said 3 beneficiaries is ICICI Bank, Tirunelveli Junction Branch, the subsidy amount has been credited into the SB accounts of the 3 said beneficiaries namely, 1) A.Sivakumar, 2) J.Mohamed Illyas and 3) T.Kathirsingh maintained at Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank, Palayamkottai Branch.

The A.O Tr.O.Murugesh sent recommendation of project proposal to the Branch Manager, ICICI Bank, Tirunelveli Junction Branch on 29.01.2021 in the capacity as the Convener of the NEEDS Task Force Committee for the above mentioned 3 beneficiaries 1) A.Sivakumar, 2) J.Mohamed Illyas and 3) T.Kathirsingh. In that it was requested to intimate the sanction of the loan. Loan Sanction letters for a sum of each 1.5 crores purportedly sent by the Branch Manager, ICICI Bank, Tirunelveli without mentioning even the loan account number has been kept in the file for the NEEDS Scheme 2020-21 for the above 3 beneficiaries.

Information collected through sources revealed that, in all the 3 applications of the NEEDS Scheme files in the name of 1) A.Sivakumar, 2) J.Mohamed Illyas and 3) T.Kathirsingh, the A.O Tr.O.Murugesh had written as "Forward to A.E (II) to give Report" and below that A.O put his signature on 29.01.2021. But no report had been obtained from the Assistant Engineer of District Industries Centre, Tirunelveli. Also no such report of the Assistant Engineer of District Industries Centre, Tirunelveli had been kept in the corresponding files. In all the 3 application forms purportedly sent from the Branch Manager, ICICI Bank, Tirunelveli Branch for claiming 25% capital subsidy under NEEDS scheme and the Tripartite

agreement purportedly executed, the loan account number of ICICI Bank was not found. Moreover in the witness column of tripartite agreement no signature was found.

It came to know through sources that, no loan has been given in the name of 1) A.Sivakumar, 2) J.Mohamed Illyas and 3) T.Kathirsingh from ICICI Bank, Tirunelveli Junction Branch during the year 2020-21 and the seal put in the application files of 3 beneficiaries in the name of ICICI Bank, Tirunelveli Junction Branch are bogus and forged. Also it came to know that the beneficiaries namely, 1) Tr.A.Sivakumar, 2) Tr.J.Mohamed Illyas and 3) Tr.T.Kathirsingh were working as the Manager, Supervisor and Site Supervisor respectively in a construction company by name Ark Builders and the said company had constructed a building of A.O Tr.O.Murugesh at KTC Nagar during the year 2020. At that time they became friends with A.O Tr.O.Murugesh, who told them that he was the superior officer of District Industries Centre, Tirunelveli and about getting loan through District Industries Centre, Tirunelveli.

The trio, namely Tr.A.Sivakumar, Tr.J.Mohamed Illyas and Tr.T.Kathirsingh, being the educated youths, had shown interest for getting loan through District Industries Centre, Tirunelveli. Using that opportunity, the A.O. Tr.O.Murugesh had obtained the photos, copies of Aadhar card, Ration card, educational qualification certificate and Bank account details etc. From the above 3 persons and assured them about providing loans through District Industries Centre. By using those documents, without the knowledge of the trio, the A.O himself had applied for 3 separate hiring of vehicles loans each for Rs.1.5 crores under NEEDS scheme 2020-21 in their name through MSME portal and put bogus signature of them in the applications.

Later on 06.02.2021, in the S.B Account of the trio held at TMB, Palayamkottai Branch, an amount of each Rs.48,75,000/- has been credited from the Government of Tamil Nadu account. On that day, the A.O Tr.O.Murugesh contacted the trio regarding the credit of each Rs.48,75,000/- in the SB account of

them held at TMB, Palayamkottai Branch and told them individually that the credited amount was the government loan amount obtained by him for the building construction. When it was questioned by the 3 beneficiaries, the A.O had pacified them individually by telling various reasons on 06.02.2021. Moreover the A.O instructed them individually to transfer the credited amount in their S.B accounts to the accounts of other persons mentioned by him through cheque or RTGS.

On the direction of the A.O Tr.O.Murugesh, Tr.A.Sivakumar deposited the alleged subsidy amount of Rs.48,75,000/- credited in his SB account No.152100050312383 held at TMB, Palayamkottai to the account of one A.Peria Pratti vide A/c No.10408549114 held at SBI, Anna Nagar West Branch, Chennai through cheque No.1423082 on the same day on 06.02.2021. In the same manner, Tr.J.Mohamed Illyas deposited the alleged subsidy amount of Rs.48,75,000/- credited in his SB account No.152100050312391 held at TMB, Palayamkottai to other persons as directed by the A.O and it is shown in the following tabular column.

S.No.	Date	Cheque No	Name & Account No	Amount in Rs
1	06.02.2021	1384167	V.Kandasamy, SBI, Chennai,	8,75,000/-
		*	Maduravayal	
			A/c No.31143301211	
2	06.02.2021	1384168	M.Sakila, Syndicate Bank,	25,00,000/-
			South bye pass road,	
	6941		Palayamkottai,	
4	公園り		A/c No.63922010027921	
3	06.02.2021	1384169	Kulasekaran, TMB,	9,00,000/-
			Sankarankovil,	
	10000		A/c No.139100050315728	
4	06.02.2021	1384170	Laxmi Narayanan, ICICI,	2,00,000/-
			Sankarankovil,	
			A/c No.394801501168	
5	25.02.2021	1384171	M.Sakila, Union Bank of	4,00,000/-
			India, Palayamkottai,	
	1	0	A/c No.673202010001342	
			Total	48,75,000/-

It is pertinent to note that the amount sent in the name of M.Sakila through cheque numbers 1384168 & 1384171 for Rs.25,00,000/- and Rs.4,00,000/- respectively is none other than the wife of A.O Tr.O.Murugesh. On the direction of the A.O., the alleged subsidy amount of Rs.48,75,000/- credited in the SB account of Tr.T.Kathirsingh in A/c No.152100080201071 held at TMB, Palayamkottai has been deposited through RTGS in various accounts and it is narrated through the following tabular column.

S.No.	Date	Name & Account No	Amount in Rs
1.	06.02.2021	S.Marimuthu, Karur Vysya Bank, Sankarankovil, A/c No.1636155000002512	
2	06.02.2021	M.Laxmi Narayanan, TMB, Sankarankovil, A/c No.139100050304844	2,00,000/-
3	08.02.2021	2.2021 M.Laxmi Narayanan, ICICI, Sankarankovil, A/c No.394801501168	
4	08.02.2021 S.Palanikumar, IOB, Sankarankovil, A/c No.084801000070370		5,00,000/-
5	08.02.2021 Shanmugalakshmi, Canara Bank, Sankarankovil, A/c No.1115119027244		4,00,000/-
6	08.02.2021	Shanmugalakshmi, TMB, Sankarankovil, A/c No.139100300550100	4,00,000/-
7	08.02.2021	C.Mariammal, IOB, Sankarankovil, A/C.No.084801000031149	5,00,000/-
8	08.02.2021	M.Sankaran, SBI, Sankarankovil, A/C.No.39701137522	5,00,000/-
9	11.02.2021	Grace Enterprises, Indian Bank, Tirunelveli Town, A/c No.6743767617	7,00,000/-
10	25.02.2021	Grace Enterprises, Indian Bank, Tirunelveli Town, A/c No.6743767617	9,75,000/-
		Total	48,75,000/-

Thus by using forged documents in the name of 3 beneficiaries, the A.O Tr.O.Murugesh had misappropriated the Government subsidy amount allotted under NEEDS scheme 2020-21 to a tune of Rs.1,46,25,000/- (One crore forty six lakhs and twenty five thousand).

Also it is learnt that, the A.O Tr.O.Murugesh had misappropriated the government money to a tune of Rs.97,50,000/- (2 X Rs.48,75,000 = Rs.97,50,000) which is allotted as subsidy amount for 2 beneficiaries, by sending the said amount of Rs.97,50,000/- to an account number held at TMB, Palayamkottai in the name of one Tr.S.R.Sivakumar Doss, Owner of Carmel construction Company, Tirunelveli and ARK Builders and Properties Promoters (P) Ltd., Tirunelveli. In this regard the A.O had issued sanction order vide proceedings No.1930/A2/2020, dated 06.02.2021, in which 7 beneficiaries including 1) Tr.G.Ravi Udaiyar, M/s ARK Builders and Properties Promoters (P) Ltd., Tirunelvel and 2). Tr.P.Muthupandi, M/s Carmel construction Company, Tirunelveli have been mentioned.

It is revealed through sources that, Tr.S.R.Sivakumar Doss constructed buildings for A.O Tr.O.Murugesh and for that he sent money to a tune of Rs.1,47,81,000/- including amount from the Government of Tamil Nadu account. In which Rs.48,75,000/- was credited in his account twice on 08.01.2021 from the Government of Tamil Nadu treasury account. When it was questioned by the said Tr.S.R.Sivakumar Doss with A.O Tr.O.Murugesh, he had replied that as he got government loan from his department, the amount was deposited through Government of Tamil Nadu account. Further it is learnt that by false and forged documents, the A.O misappropriated Government money to a tune of Rs.97,50,000/- in the name of 1) Tr.G.Ravi Udaiyar and 2) Tr.P.Muthupandi as if the NEEDS subsidy amounts had been credited to their account.

Thus Accused Officer Tr.O.Murugesh, while he was working as the General Manager of District Industries Centre, Tirunelveli, misappropriated the Government money to a tune of Rs.2,43,75,000/- (Rupees 2 Crores Forty three Lakhs and seventy five thousand only i.e., 5X48,75,000=2,43,75,000/-) which was allotted for the subsidy amount to 5 beneficiaries under NEEDS scheme for the year 2020-2021, by the way of fabricated false applications, bank documents and other documents, as if he had sanctioned subsidy amount of each Rs.48,75,000/- to 5

beneficiaries namely, 1) Tr.A.Sivakumar, 2) Tr.J.Mohamed Illyas and 3) Tr.T.Kathirsingh through proceedings no.1930/A2/2020 dated 03.02.2021 and 4) Tr.G.Ravi Udaiyar and 5) Tr.P.Muthupandi through proceedings no.1930/A2/2020 dated 06.01.2021.

The act of Accused officer discloses prima facie case, that the accused has fabricated the false documents for the purpose of cheating, criminal breach of trust, falsification of accounts and committed criminal misconduct as public servant and thereby committed the offences punishable under section 409, 417, 465, 468, 471, 477(A) of Indian Penal Code and section 13(1)(a) r/w 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

Therefore, today 29.01.2024 at 16.00 hrs, I registered a case in Tirunelveli V&AC, Cr. No.01/2024 against the Accused officer for the commission of offences u/s 409, 417, 465, 468, 471, 477(A) of Indian Penal Code and section 13(1)(a) r/w 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

The original FIR is submitted to the Hon'ble Court of the Special Judge, Special Court for Trial under PC Act, Tirunelveli and the copies of FIR are sent to the higher officials.

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