FIRST INFORMATION REPORT
முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கை
(Under Section 173 BNSS)

TAMIL NADU POLICE
INTEGRATED INVESTIGATION FORM-I

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1. District : Chennai மாவட்டம் | PS: Chennai city V காவல்நிலையம் | Year: 2026 ஆண்டு | FIR No.: 04/2026 மு.த.அ. எண் | Date: 15.11.2026 நாள்

2. (i) Act சட்டம்: BNS 2023 | Sections பிரிவுகள்: i) 61(2), 316(4), 316(5), 318(2) 336(1) and 336(3) of BNS
(ii) Act சட்டம்: Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 as amended in 2018 | Sections பிரிவுகள்: ii) 13(1)(a) r/w 13(2) and 12 of PC Act
(iii) Act சட்டம்: Copy Right Act 1957 | Sections பிரிவுகள்: iii) 51 and 63 of C.R Act 1957
(iv) Other Acts & Sections பிற சட்டங்களும், பிரிவுகளும் :

3. (a) Occurrence of Offence Day : குற்ற நிகழ்வு நாள் | Date from : நாள் முதல் Year 2024 | Date to : நாள் வரை Year 2026
Time Period : நேர அளவு | Time from : நேரம் முதல் — | Time to : நேரம் வரை —
(b) Information Received at PS. Date : காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு தகவல் கிடைத்த நாள் 07.11.2026 | Time : நேரம்
(c) General Diary Reference : Entry No(s) பொது நாட்குறிப்பில் பதிவு விவரம் எண் 15.11.2026 | Time : நேரம் After registration of FIR

4. Type of Information : Written/ Oral / Electronic form : தகவலின் வகை : எழுத்து மூலம் / வாய் மொழியாக / மின்னணு வடிவம் Based on the findings on the outcome of detailed enquiry

5. Place of Occurrence (a) Direction and Distance from PS: குற்ற நிகழ்விடம் (அ) காவல்நிலையத்திலிருந்து எவ்வளவு தூரமும், எத்திசையும் Anna centenary Library, O/o the Directorate of Public Libraries and other places, 6 KM North East
Beat Number : முறைக் காவல் எண் | (b) Address : முகவரி

(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 : T. KANDASAMY குற்றமுறையீட்டாளர்/ தகவல் தந்தவர் பெயர் | (b) Father's/ Husband's Name : A. Thiagarajan தந்தை / கணவர் பெயர்
(c) Date / Year of Birth : நாள் / பிறந்த ஆண்டு — | (d) Nationality : Indian நாட்டினம் | (e) Passport No. : வெளிநாட்டு கடவுச்சீட்டு எண் —
Date of Issue : வழங்கப்பட்ட நாள் — | Place of Issue : வழங்கப்பட்ட இடம் —
(f) Occupation : Deputy Supdt of Police தொழில் | (g) Address : Directorate of vigilance and Anti-Corruption முகவரி Chennai - 16

7. Details of Known/Suspected/Unknown accused with full particulars. (Attach separate sheet if necessary)
தெரிந்த / ஐயப்பாட்டிற்குரிய / தெரியாத குற்றஞ்சாட்டப்பட்டவரின் முழுமையான விவரங்கள் (தேவையெனில் தனித்தாள் இணைக்கவும்)
Unknown Public servants of Directorate of Public Libraries Chennai, Anna Centenary Library Chennai and Periyar Arivulagam Library Coimbatore and other Unknown persons AND Tr. R. Mohan, Proprietor Akkuvilakku Pathipagam and Phoenix Publications

8. Reasons for delay in reporting by the complainant / Informant:
குற்றமுறையீட்டாளரால் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரால் முறையிட்டதில் தகவல் கொடுப்பதில் தாமதம்
Detailed Enquiry Conducted

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

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

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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)

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Enclosed Seperate Sheet

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 Tmt V. Thamizhmani Rank DSP, CC-II, VGR 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 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 கொள்ளப்பட்டு, அதன் படி நகல் ஒன்று இலவசமாக கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.

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14. Signature / Thumb Impression of the Complainant / Informant
குற்றமுறையீட்டாளர் / 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:
நீதிமன்றத்திற்கு அனுப்பப்பட்ட நாளும், நேரமும்

Name: பெயர் T. KANDASAMY
Rank: நிலை DSP, VGR, CC-V No. எண் .....
Chennai

The following is the continuation of FIR commencing from Serial No.12 in connection with Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Chennai City-V, Cr.No.04/2026, registered under Sections 61(2), 316(4), 316(5), 318(2), 336(1) and 336(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Sections 13(1)(a) read with Sections 13(2) and 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018), and Sections 51 and 63 of the Copyright Act, 1957.

It has come to light that certain malpractices had taken place in the procurement of books and e-books for the Periyar Arivulagam Library, Coimbatore, and other Public Libraries in Tamil Nadu. In this connection, the Secretary, School Education Department, Secretariat Chennai vide Letter No.8173/பொ.நூ.2/2026-1, dated 06.11.2026, requested the Director of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Chennai, to conduct a Detailed Enquiry into the alleged irregularities in the procurement of books for the libraries of Periyar Arivulagam, Coimbatore, Kamarajar Arivulagam, Trichy, Bharathidasan Arivulagam, Salem, Anjalai Ammal Arivulagam, Cuddalore, Quaid-E-Millath Arivulagam, Tirunelveli and 6 newly formed districts.

2) Pursuant to the Government Letter cited above, the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption registered a detailed enquiry on 07.11.2026, against the unknown public servants of the Public Libraries Department. During the course of the enquiry, several witnesses were examined, and relevant documents and materials were collected and scrutinised. In the meantime, the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court, vide its order dated 10.11.2026 in Contempt Petition (MD) No.3763 of 2026, directed the DVAC to register a First Information Report (FIR). The Detailed Enquiry conducted into the procurement of books/ e-books for the Periyar Arivulagam Library, Coimbatore, prima facie revealed irregularities, procedural violations and illegalities in the procurement process, warranting investigation into the acts of commission and omission on the part of the public servants concerned and others.

i. The Government, vide G.O.(Ms.) No.69, School Education Department, dated 07.03.2024, introduced the Transparent Book Procurement Policy, 2024, prescribing a systematic, transparent and structured procedure for the procurement of books for public libraries. Further, the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court, in its order dated 19.06.2024 passed in W.P. (MD) No.10150 of 2019, directed that the procurement of books for public libraries across the State of Tamil Nadu shall be carried out in consonance with and adherence to the provisions and guidelines stipulated in the aforesaid Government Order.

ii. The Government has sanctioned Rs.50 crore for books and e-books for the Periyar Arivulagam Library, Coimbatore (G.O.(Ms.) No.198, School Education (Public Libraries-2) Department, dated 03.09.2024), and ordered the procurement in G.O.(Ms.) No.250, School Education (PL.2) Department dated 5.11.2025 Administrative approval for Rs.50 crore was given in G.O.(Ms.) No.50 dated 27.02.2026, with an advance of Rs.30 crore from the Consolidated Fund.

iii. In order to procure the books, the Director of Public Libraries, in her Proceedings Na.Ka.No.7781/ந1/2025 dated 18.11.2025, formed a Co-ordination Committee comprising Tmt.S.Kamatchi, Deputy Chief Librarian and Information Officer, Anna Centenary Library, Chennai; Thiru V. Dinesh Kumar, Deputy Chief Librarian, Kalaignar Centenary Library, Madurai; Thiru S.Santhana Karthikeyan, Librarian and Information Officer, Anna Centenary Library, Chennai; and Thiru S.Santhana Krishnan, Librarian and Information Officer, Kalaignar Centenary Library, Madurai for coordinating the procurement of books for the libraries of Periyar Arivulagam, Coimbatore, Kamarajar Arivulagam, Trichy, Bharathidasan Arivulagam,Salem, Anjalai Ammal Arivulagam, Cuddalore, Quaid-E-Millath Arivulagam, Tirunelveli and 6 newly

formed districts. The sequence of events after the issuance of the Government order is as follows:-

a. 18.12.2025: A press release invited publishers to take part in the procurement. Publishers sent details through Google Forms, the last date being 05.01.2026.

b. 09.01.2026: The Books Selection Committee considered the books.

c. 24.01.2026: The Negotiation Committee met to fix prices.

d. 05.02.2026: The list of selected books was placed before the High-Level Committee.

e. 07.02.2026 onwards: Purchase orders were placed. The orders to M/s.Akal Vizhakku Publishers and M/s.Phoenix Publications are in Letter Na.Ka.No.7781/ந1/2025 dated 14.02.2026 and 13.02.2026

f. From February 2026: Books were received. Payments were made from March 2026 through TN-PFTS.

iv. The enquiry conducted with respect to Periyar Arivulagam Coimbatore revealed that one Thiru R. Mohan, of Door No.3/448, Brahmaputra Street, Madipakkam, Chennai, is the proprietor of both Akal Vizhakku Publishers (also written Akal Vilakku Pathipagam) and Phoenix Publications. The two concerns work from the same address and print at Sigma Prints and Sigma Publishing Services, which also work from that address. He is engaged mainly in Desktop Publishing. He sent lists of 2,339 titles in the name of Akal Vizhakku Publishers and 99 titles in the name of Phoenix Publications to the official e-mail address of the Director of Public Libraries, Chennai.

v. Purchase orders for a total of 1,857 books were issued to the two publishing concerns, namely Akal Vizhakku Publishers and Phoenix Publications, on 14.02.2026 and 13.02.2026, respectively. The books were received by The Librarian and Information Officer, Periyar Arivulagam, Gandhipuram, on

25.02.2026 and 19.03.2026. After verification, the list of books received from Akal Vizhakku Publishers, was forwarded to District Library for processing the payment for 1,779 books.

vi. The ISBN portal reveals that 2,393 books were registered by Akal Vizhakku Publishers between 03.12.2024 and 06.02.2026. On 04.02.2026, 46 books registered and received ISBN, and on 05.02.2026, 48 books registered and received, on the day which the list was placed before the High-Level Committee. The ISBN portal lists 418 authors for this publisher, of whom six authors are credited with more than 100 books each, in totalling 745 across unrelated subjects. Among them, 162 books were authored by "Monika Ravi", 124 by "Lakshmi Mohan", 123 by "Thamarai Panneer", 115 by "Thamarai Murali" and 114 by "Jothi Hariharan". Only on 05.02.2026, 48 books by "Thamarai Murali" and 48 books by "Lakshmi Mohan" received ISBN, the day High level committee approved the list of books recommended by the selection committee.

vii. The ISBN portal shows 2,923 books registered under Phoenix Publications (2,690 in English, 174 in Tamil, 52 in Marathi, 4 in Telugu and 2 in Malayalam). 74 authors are common to the two publications. About ten titles, such as "SSC Exam Booster" and "Geographia", appear in both under the same author's name, and three appear under different author names. For example, "Deepfakes: The Coming Infocalypse" is shown under "Manisha Saravanan" for Akal Vizhakku and "Charulatha Vivek" for Phoenix, although its original author is Nina Schick (published 25.08.2020, ISBN-13 978-1538754306).

viii. The books supplied by the two publishers were examined. In the enquiry, Thiru R.Mohan is reported to have created the books under fictitious author names, using information taken from websites and online applications, including Chat GPT. The contents were found to be vague, irrelevant, misleading and of substandard language, with no educational or informational value for a public library.

ix. The enquiry revealed that, in the Tamil section of the Periyar Arivulagam Library, the book "நாலடியார் வாழ்வின் வழிகாட்டி", which describes Naladiyar as a poet and philosopher, and the book "மதுரை காஞ்சி ஓர் இலக்கியப்பயணம்" (Dev Nilan), which states that the author of Maduraikanchi was a king. Both are books of Akal Vizhakku Publishers. The enquiry further revealed that the book "Tourism: Principles, Practices and Philosophies" by "Emily Lawson" has contents copied from other books and that the author's website is fake. No ISBN was found for this book on the ISBN portal, although the Policy requires an ISBN for every book procured.

x. The Books Recommendation Committee recommended approximately 26,000 books. The Co-ordination Committee then added books received from publishers that the Books Recommendation Committee had not recommended, and placed them before the Books Selection Committee for consideration and approval. The Co-ordination Committee did not mention these additions in the relevant note file.

xi. The Government paid from public funds to the two publications for books which, were written under false author names, in some cases copied from other works, and not fit for a public library. The enquiry also revealed that the procurement of books from Akalvillaku Pathipagam and Phoenix Publications was not done only in Periyar Arivulagam Library, Coimbatore, but also done in other Public Libraries for a sum of Rs.1,74,01,162/- and was paid to the above publishers. The investigation is to be extended to unearth, whether other publishers supplied similar books to the public libraries.

xii. The books of these publishers could reach the library only through the stages of recommendation, selection, price negotiation, approval, purchase order, receipt, verification and payment. At each of these stages officials were required to apply the principles of Transparent Policy, which includes the requirement of an ISBN and of evaluation by subject experts. The Policy was not followed in the cases above. The additions made by the Co-ordination Committee were not recorded in the note file, and the lists of the two publishers were accepted without scrutiny. These facts give reasonable grounds to believe that unknown officials of the Directorate of Public Libraries, the Anna Centenary Library and the Periyar Arivulagam Library, Coimbatore, together colluded with Thiru R.Mohan and unknown publishers to get the ineligible books procured.

xiii. The facts prima-facie disclosed that (1) Thiru R.Mohan, Proprietor, M/s. Akal Vizhakku Publishers (Akal Vilakku Pathipagam) and M/s.Phoenix Publications, Madipakkam, Chennai-91, (2) unknown officials of the Directorate of Public Libraries, Chennai, the Anna Centenary Library, Chennai, and the Periyar Arivulagam Library, Coimbatore, and (3) other unknown persons colluded with each other and they have committed the offences of Criminal conspiracy, Cheating, Criminal breach of trust, Fabrication of documents and Criminal misconduct by public servants and offences under Copy Right Act.

xiv. Therefore, based on the findings of the Detailed Enquiry conducted into the allegations of irregularities in the procurement of books for the Periyar Arivulagam Library, Coimbatore, and after obtaining concurrence from the higher officials of the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Chennai, I registered a case today, i.e., on 15.11.2026 at 7.00 p.m., against the unknown public servants of the Directorate of Public Libraries, Chennai, Anna Centenary Library, Chennai, and Periyar Arivulagam Library, Coimbatore, along with other unknown persons and Thiru R. Mohan, Proprietor of Akal

Vizhakku Publishers (Akal Vilakku Pathipagam) and Phoenix Publications, Madipakkam, Chennai, under Sections 61(2), 316(4), 316(5), 318(2), 336(1) and 336(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; Sections 13(1)(a) read with 13(2) and Section 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018); and Sections 51 and 63 of the Copyright Act, 1957.

The original FIR is submitted to the Special Judge, Special Court for trial of cases under PC Act, Chennai and other copies to the concerned higher officials.

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Vigilance and Anti-Corruption
Chennai City-V Detachment,
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