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

TAMIL NADU POLICE
INTEGRATED INVESTIGATION FORM-I

C 8319440

1. District : மாவட்டம் **கடலூர்** PS: காவல்நிலையம் **ஊ.த.க. பிரிவு** Year: ஆண்டு **2026** FIR No.: முத.அ. எண் **9/2026** Date: நாள் **16.10.2026**

2. (i) Act சட்டம்: **The Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 as amended by The Prevention Corruption (Amendment) Act 2018** Sections பிரிவுகள்: **7, 13(2) & 13(1)(a)**
(ii) Act சட்டம்: Sections பிரிவுகள்:
(iii) Act சட்டம்: **Indian Penal Code** Sections பிரிவுகள்: **120-B, 420, 465, 467, 468, 167, 471 & 109**
(iv) Other Acts & Sections பிற சட்டங்களும், பிரிவுகளும் :

3. (a) Occurrence of Offence Day : குற்ற நிகழ்வு நாள் Date from : நாள் முதல் **08.12.2015** Date to : நாள் வரை **04.08.2020**
Time Period : நேர அளவு Time from : நேரம் முதல் Time to : நேரம் வரை
(b) Information Received at PS. Date : காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு தகவல் கிடைத்த நாள் **16.10.2026** Time : நேரம் **1600 hrs**
(c) General Diary Reference : Entry No(s) பொது நாட்குறிப்பில் பதிவு விவரம் எண் **Vol - III** Time : நேரம் **1600 hrs**

4. Type of Information : Written/ Oral / Electronic form :
தகவலின் வகை : எழுத்து மூலம் / வாய் மொழியாக / மின்னணு வடிவம்

5. Place of Occurrence (a) Direction and Distance from PS:
குற்ற நிகழ்விடம் அ) காவல்நிலையத்திலிருந்து எவ்வளவு தூரமும், எத்திசையும் **45 KM South**
Beat Number : முறைக் காவல் எண் (b) Address : முகவரி **Annamalai University, Chidambaram**

(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 District : மாவட்டம் --

6. Complainant /Informant (a) Name : குற்றமுறையீட்டாளர்/ தகவல் தந்தவர் பெயர் **M.Sathiyaseelan** (b) Father's/ Husband's Name : தந்தை / கணவர் பெயர்
(c) Date / Year of Birth : நாள் / பிறந்த ஆண்டு (d) Nationality : நாட்டினம் **Indian** (e) Passport No. : வெளிநாட்டு கடவுச்சீட்டு எண்
Date of Issue : வழங்கப்பட்ட நாள் --- Place of Issue : வழங்கப்பட்ட இடம் ---
(f) Occupation : தொழில் (g) Address : முகவரி **Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Madurai**
Additional Superintendent of Police

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

A1. Tmt.R.Keerthana Mani, Revenue Divisional Officer, Kodaikanal, Dindigul District.
A2. Tr.K.Suresh, Special Officer, Department of Psychology, Annamalai University,Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram.
A3. Tr.B.Periyasamy, Record Assistant, Library, Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous), Karaikudi

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

A Detailed Enquiry was conducted in DE 24/2020/EDU/MU and hence no delay.

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 என் ஏதேனும் இருந்தால்

12. FIR Contents (Attach separate sheet, if required) :
முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கையின் சுருக்கம். (தேவையெனில் தனித்தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

Submitted

The Accused-1 Tmt.R.Keerthana Mani, who is residing at K.Pudur, Madurai, presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Kodaikanal Sub-Division, Dindigul District.

The Accused-2 Tr.K.Suresh, who is residing at Iyer Bungalow, Madurai, presently working as Special Officer, Department of Psychology, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram.

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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 S. Sundaravel Rank ..Inspector to take up the Investigation / Refused Investigation / transferred to PS. V.t.A.C., Cuddalore ....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 16-10-2026
16.30 hrs.

Name: பெயர் [P. ANBALAGAN]
Rank: நிலை Inspector of Police, No. என் .....
V&AC, Cuddalore

The Accused-3 Tr.B.Periyasamy, who is residing at B-Block, Staff quarters, Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous), Karaikudi, presently working as Record Assistant, Library, Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous), Karaikudi, Sivagangai.

The Accused 1 to 3 noted above are public servants as defined u/s 2 (c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Based on a writ petition filed by one Sakthirao in W.P.(MD)No.8025/2020 before the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, by challenging the notification issued in No.1/2020 on 20.01.2020 by secretary TNPSC, Chennai for the appointment of candidates by conducting Group – I Civil service Examination, an order was passed by a Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court on 23.02.2021, to conduct an Enquiry by a responsible officer of a DVAC into the allegation of appointing candidates by TNPSC Group-I civil service Examination and Malpractices and irregularities committed in conducting of Examination and the issuance of certificates including PSTM (Person studied in Tamil Medium) by Madurai Kamaraj University including all other Universities, an Enquiry was conducted and on the outcome of the Enquiry, conducted by DVAC, a case was registered with respect to the Madurai Kamaraj University officials, and against erred four candidates, which is pending investigation.

During the Enquiry about the allegations against the other universities, it is come to light that one Tmt.R.Keerthana Mani was appointed as Deputy Collector by selecting her in the Group-I Civil service Examination conducted by the Secretary TNPSC Chennai,

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during the year 2019 under 20% PSTM Quota. When verifying her certificates produced at TNPSC with the certificates handed over by her for enquiry and the transfer certificate issued by the officials of Annamalai University and Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering Technology (Autonomous) Karaikudi, the facts revealed that she has studied dual degrees in the same academic year, simultaneously both in Annamalai University in B.A. Tamil Degree, from 08.12.2015 to May 2018 and in B.E.Computer Science at Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering Technology (Autonomous) Karaikudi, between 21.07.2015 and 05.01.2019, by staying in Hostel at Karaikudi. After completing the 7th Semester during November 2018, she discontinued B.E Degree studies from Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering Technology (Autonomous) Karaikudi.

Further, verification revealed that Tmt.R.Keerthana Mani has joined in B.E Computer Science Engineering through English Medium in Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering Technology (Autonomous) Karaikudi, on 21.07.2015 in admission No.155901 CSO 323, as a regular student. At the time of admission, she has produced 13 items of documents including 12th Std., Transfer Certificate in S.No.1286 Admission No.219 Dt.07.05.2015, issued by the Principal, Green Park Girls Matric Higher Secondary School, Namakkal. She has studied in the above Engineering College from 21.07.2015 to 05.01.2019, by staying in Hostel at Karaikudi. After writing 7th Semester examination during November 2018, she discontinued B.E Degree studies and thereafter, she received B.E. discontinued Transfer Certificate bearing No.0971/2019, Roll No.15 CS 21 and conduct certificate bearing No.700 Dated 11.04.2019, from

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the Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering Technology (Autonomous) Karaikudi. She also acknowledged the receipt of the above said discontinued Transfer Certificate.

While so, Tmt.R.Keerthana Mani (A1) got dual admission also on 08.12.2015 at Directorate of Distance Education, Annamalai University, in B.A (Tamil) through Madurai study centre, in the same Academic Year as per Application No.51430. Her admission was uploaded by Directorate of Distance Education, Annamalai University on its receipt from Madurai Study Centre and thereby she completed her B.A Degree course during May 2018. She also got the PSTM Certificate on 10.01.2019 from the Directorate of Distance Education, Annamalai University. It is also revealed that though she had written the B.A., Tamil examination at Annamalai University during the month of May 2018, for the 3rd year, she had remitted the examination fees only on 04.12.2018, i.e., after the lapse of 6 months, which itself would show her criminal intention, the violation and also committed illegality in writing examination, without remitting payment of mandatory examination fees for B.A. Tamil Degree. In the prospectus of Annamalai University, circulated by Directorate of Distance Education to the students regarding the educational matters such as admission guideline, it is very clearly stated that persuing dual degrees in the same academic year by a student could not be accepted as laid down in para-4- XII in the pages 9 and 10 of the prospectus for 2015-2016.. Further, no admission could be made at Directorate of Distance Education, without producing previously studied eligible original Transfer Certificate. The same has to be attested by the concerned centre Authority. At the time of admission, after making

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attestation as stated above in the original 12th Std., Transfer Certificate, it should not be returned to the student concerned.

After obtaining B.A., Tamil degree certificates including PSTM Certificate Dated 10.01.2019 from the Directorate of Distance Education, Annamalai University, Tmt.R.Keethana Mani (A1) has appeared for the Combined Civil Services-I Examination (Group-I Services), 2016-2019, as advertised in Notification No.1/2019 Dt.01.01.2019 and got appointment as Deputy Collector under PSTM quota on 04.08.2020 and presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Kodaikanal Sub Division, Dindigul District, by producing her B.A., Tamil degree as well as the Conduct Certificate bearing number 700 Dated : 11.04.2019 received from the Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering Technology (Autonomous) Karaikudi.

Tr.K.Suresh (A2), Special Officer, and incharge of Madurai Study Centre, of Directorate of Distance Education, Annamalai University has received the 10th standard mark statement, 12th standard mark statement, TC of 12th standard and the community Certificate of Keerthana Mani along with her application for admission in B.A., Tamil Degree and made relevant entries in the admission register of Madurai Annamalai University study centre.

It is also come to light that all the above certificates were uploaded and sent to the Annamalai University Chidambaram for confirming her B.A., Tamil Admission. There is also an information that Tr. K.Suresh (A2) had made her admission by receiving and uploading the 12th standard TC of A1 without the verification of its originality. After receiving the 12th Std TC, the admission should be made by affixing the signature of the authority concerned along with

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the seal in the said TC which is mandatory. Hence, it is proved that Tmt.R.Keerthana Mani has not produced her 12th standard original TC for admission in Madurai Study Centre and thereafter she fraudulently obtained B.A., Degree including PSTM certificates from Annamalai University. It is also confirmed by the Annamalai University that the PSTM Certificate issued to her by the Annamalai University is invalid, as her admission itself was obtained in fraudulent manner and by violating the guidelines of the prospectus, which is a written and public documents to inform the aspiring students and public, about relevant details regarding the Admission Procedure.

It is also revealed that the original transfer certificate of 12th Standard, produced by Tmt.R.Keerthana Mani on 23.06.2025 during the Enquiry and Xerox copies of Transfer Certificate No.9944876 Dated.07.05.2015, produced by the Principal, Green Park Girls Matric Higher Secondary School, Namakkal on 05.07.2025, were compared with the another original certificate, kept by Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous) Karaikudi, which was said to be produced by A1, for her admission in the above college in B.E (Computer Science) on 21.07.2015, no water marks (symbol) of the School was found in the front page of the original Transfer Certificate (said to be original), which is kept at Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous) Karaikudi. Hence, the original Transfer Certificate, said to be kept by Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous) Karaikudi is varying from the copy of the Transfer Certificate with the water mark symbol in the front page issued by Green Park Girls Matric Higher Secondary

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School, Namakkal to her, and so it would reveal her criminal intention of Keerthana Mani for getting Admission in B.E.(CS), as stated above.

Tr.B.Periyasamy (A3), who was the Record Assistant of Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous) Karaikudi, during the year from 2015 to 2018, is the custodian of the above Transfer Certificate and other documents of the above candidate (A1) including other students. Generally, original Transfer Certificate of 12th standard is used to receive by the College from the students at the time of their admission in the first year and the same condition also adopted by the Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous) Karaikudi. After made admission in the 1st year, the College should not have been returned back the original 12th Standard Transfer Certificates to the concerned students. Further, as per U.G.C norms, a student cannot study two degrees simultaneously in the same academic year, since the original Transfer Certificate could not be returned back to them after their admission in the first admitted institution. So, the certificate received by the students by studying two degrees simultaneously in the same academic year cannot be taken as valid one.

Further, it is revealed that Tmt.R.Keerthana Mani and her father said to be come to the college during the year 2017 which is not certain, with the Requisition of Tmt.R.Keerthana Mani, endorsed by the Principal of Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous) Karaikudi for furnishing Xerox copy of 12th Transfer Certificate and approached A3 Periyasamy, the Record Clerk of above college. According to the college norms, Xerox copy should be taken only within the college campus. But, on her request,

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she along with her father with the connivance of A3 Periyasamy went outside of the college campus and took the colour Xerox copy of her XIIth std Transfer Certificate. This facilitated her to make fraud by keeping original with her and returned Xerox copy to Tr.B.Periyasamy and he was unable to identify which one is original. When asked about the requisition with endorsement, Tr.B.Periyasamy replied that it was not traceable, which itself proved his guilty intension and thus he played a vital role in giving original 12th Std TC certificate to the student Keerthana Mani (A1). The college authorities have stated that it is not the practice to issue colour Xerox of the TC when it was requested by the Student. Only black and white Xerox will be given.

Further, it is also confirmed that the prospectus is used to issue to the students at the time of issuing application for admission. In the prospectus, eligibility norms are framed to outline the specific requirement. Prospectus is a legal document which provides detailed information and clearly outlines what is required for an individual to be considered eligible.

In the Prospectus along with the application for admission issued by Annamalai University, Directorate of Distance Education for the Academic year 2015-2016, it is specified under the head of instructions for filling up of the Application Form in Page-9 and 10 para-4(xii) ***"No candidate is permitted to join or study two degree programmes at a time in the Directorate of Distance Education."***

The very first instruction is mentioned as

"Read carefully and thoroughly the application form and prospectus before you begin to fill in the form". Therefore,

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it is understood that she might have read the prospectus thoroughly. Upon the reading the instructions, it is found in Instruction 4 XII that

"No candidate is permitted to join or study two degree programmes at a time in the Directorate of Distance Education."

Therefore, she cannot pursue two degrees at a time, since there is a clause prohibiting a student to pursue two degrees simultaneously. But by suppressing the fact of studying in Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous), Karaikudi, she opted for getting another degree so that she can get the post through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission in Tamil Medium for eligibility, under 20% PSTM quota and by producing the Conduct Certificate bearing number 700 dated 11.04.2019 received from the Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous), Karaikudi.

The U.G.C. has also framed guidelines for pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously and the same was informed to Vice Chancellors and Principals of all Colleges/Institutes in D.O.No.1-6/2007 (CCP-11) (New) Dated 13.04.2022 and 5th guideline is with regard to the date of effect.

"These guidelines shall come into effect from the date of their notification by U.G.C. No retrospective benefit can be claimed by the students who have already done two academic programmes simultaneously prior to the notification of these guidelines".

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So, her admission to dual degree during the year 2015 is invalid.

Therefore, when her B.A. Tamil degree is declared as invalid, the related certificates particularly PSTM is also invalid. Under such circumstances she is disqualified to hold the post as Deputy Collector for want of required qualification and make her to unsuitable, since she has selected under PSTM Quota.

Upon the conclusion of an enquiry, the facts revealed that during the period between 2015 and 2020, Tmt.R.Keerthana Mani (A1), who is having permanent address in K.Pudur of Madurai and presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Kodaikanal Sub-Division, Dinidgul Distirict, in order to secure advantages for herself viz., to get appointment of coveted post, by way of appearing in Combined Civil Services Examination during the year 2019, conducted by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and also by availing of appointment under 20% reservation of Tamil medium quota, sought the assistance of Tr.K.Suresh (A2), Special Officer, Distance and online Education Centre, Annamalai University, North Masi Street, Madurai, who is also having residence at Iyyer Bungalow, Madurai and Tr.B.Periyasamy (A3), Record Assistant, Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous), Karaikudi, hatched up a criminal conspiracy, to commit illegal acts by illegal means, to pursue two academic qualifications by getting two degrees simultaneously, one through regular college and another through Directorate of Distance Education, Annamalai University with the conscious objective to defraud others, so as to get pecuniary advantages for herself and in pursuance of it, got admission in B.E. Computer Science in Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous), Karaikudi, in English

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medium, on 21.07.2015 and during the course of her studies, she, by suppressing the studies in Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous), Karaikudi, also joined in Directorate of Distance Education of Annamalai University and also got admission in B.A. degree through Tamil medium at Directorate of Distance Education, Annamalai University, without submitting the original Transfer Certificate by making deliberate misrepresentation of facts and by concealing information wilfully of pursuing dual degrees, and joined on 08.12.2015 with the help of Tr.K.Suresh (A2) Special Officer, Distance and online Education Centre, Annamalai University, North Masi Street, Madurai who, in order to get pecuniary advantages for himself, admitted her without verification of original Transfer Certificate and other certificates and intentionally allowed her to write examination at the end of IIIrd year during the month of May 2018 without remitting exam fees and also permitted her to pay the Examination Fees on 4.12.2018 i.e., after the lapse of six months from the date of writing examination, Tr.B.Periyasamy (A3), who had intentionally aided A1 in the midway, without getting permission from the Principal of the College, by providing Original 12th standard Transfer Certificate to A1 Tmt.R.Keerthana Mani, after taking it from the Record Room, where they are stored, who is the custodian and maintained for long-term access and given to A1 and also allowed her to take Xerox copies and that too in colour, outside the College campus, which is against the norms and guidelines of the Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous), Karaikudi and by doing all this mysterious things, A1 got appointment as Deputy Collector and joined on 04.08.2020 by producing false documents at TNPSC Chennai and framed incorrect document and also used those fraudulent documents as genuine and

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thereby got wrongful gain by way of cheating the Government, which attracted the Penal Provisions of Law punishable u/s 120 (B), 465, 467, 468, 167, 471 and 420 IPC r/w 13(2) r/w 13(1)(a) of Prevention of Corruption Act and 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

Therefore, on a consideration of materials collected through sources and through an enquiry the above-said acts of Accused-1 to Accused-3, would disclose the prima facie offences u/s. 120-B, 420, 465, 467, 468, 167, 471 IPC r/w 109 IPC and 13(2) r/w 13(1)(a) of Prevention of Corruption Act and also u/s 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act as amended by Prevention of Corruption Act (Amendment), 2018.

In this regard, necessary prior permission requested from the competent authority to register a regular case against A1 to A3. However, the alleged offence is not relatable to any recommendation made or decision taken by the accused A1 as public servant in discharge of her official function or duties. Hence, previous approval of the competent authority is not necessary to conduct enquiry or investigation of the offence alleged to have been committed by A1 under section 17-A of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act 2018.

Further, the necessary prior permission from the competent authority to register a Regular case against A2 Tr.K.Suresh and A3 Tr.B.Periyasamy vide Letter No.C1-9/8088/2025 Dated : 01.07.2026 of Registrar (i/c), Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar – 608 002 and Letter No. 4422 / E1 / 2025 Dated : 07.04.2026 of the Principal (FAC) Alagappa Chettiar Government College Engineering

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and Technology, Karaikudi, Sivagangai District respectively, were obtained.

Therefore, I am registering a case in Cuddalore Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Crime No.9/2026, u/s. 120-B, 420, 465, 467, 468, 167, 471 IPC r/w 109 IPC and 13(2) r/w 13(1)(a) of Prevention of Corruption Act and also u/s 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act as amended by Prevention of Corruption Act (Amendment), 2018, today (16.10.2026) at 16.00 hours for the above said offences for the purpose of taking up investigation.

The original FIR is submitted to the Principal District and Session Judge, Cuddalore and copies were sent to the officers concerned.

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(P.ANBALAGAN)
Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
Cuddalore.