## PRESS NOTE.

Based on a reliable information that the officials of Regional Transport Office, Salem East, Salem along with some private brokers are collecting bribe from the public and vehicle owners who come for getting driving licence, registration of vehicles, fitness certificates etc, a Criminal Case in Salem V&AC Crime No.14/AC/18 u/s 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 was registered on 02.08.2018 at 11.00 hrs. Subsequently, a team lead by DSP, V&AC, Salem conducted surprise check at the premises of the Office of the Regional Transport Officer, Salem East situated at Udayapatty at 16.45 hrs. During the surprise check a sum of unaccounted money Rs.99,000/- which were kept by the private brokers and private driving school operators was seized. During course of the surprise check it came to light that huge sum which were collected from the common public and vehicle owners by four main private touts were kept in their house and offices along with related documents. After sending advance intimation to the court, four Inspectors of Police, V&AC, Salem Detachment were authorized to conduct searches at the house of one Tr. Enango, Offices of Tr. Shankar, Tr. Sathishkumar and Tr. Senthilkumar all main private touts of the office of RTO, Salem East. During the house searches an unaccounted money Rs.69,000/- was seized from the house of Tr. Elango, an unaccounted amount of Rs.45,000/- was seized from the office of tout Tr.Shankar and Rs.80,000/- was seized from the shop of the tout Tr.Senthilkumar, totally Rs.1,94,000/- was seized along with important documents of RTO, East.

In total Rs.2,93,000/- and several original office records and duplicate official seals were seized during the investigation of the said case. The case is under investigation.