

## **PRESS NOTE**

### **FORMERLY FOREST RANGE OFFICER AND FORMERLY FOREST GUARD CONVICTED IN BRIBE CASE**

The complainant Tr. M.Arulraj, was residing at Sholavanthan, Madurai District . The complainant's father was running a sawmill. The complainant applied for renewal of license for the saw mill. In this regard Tr.K.Ilanchezhan, Forest Range Officer, and Tr.B.Saminathan, Forest Guard, Office of the Forest Range Office, Sholavandan Range, T.Andipatti Bungalow, Madurai District demanded Rs.20,000/- as bribe for issuing the renewal order. The complainant not willing to give bribe, preferred complaint with Vigilance and Anti- Corruption, Madurai Detachment. In this connection a trap was organized. On 20.08.2013 Tr.K.Ilanchezhan, Forest Range Officer, and Tr.B.Saminathan, Forest Guard, Office of the Forest Range Office, Sholavandan Range, T.Andipatti Bungalow, Madurai District received the bribe amount of Rs.20,000/- from the complainant and they were arrested. On completion of investigation, the case was charge sheeted against the accused. The case was tried before the Hon'ble Special Judge, Madurai. On 24.02.2025 Special Court, Madurai pronounced the judgment against K.Ilanchezhan, formerly Forest Range Officer, to undergo 3 years RI for section 7 of PC act 1988 and to undergo 3 years RI for section 13(1) (d) of Pc act 1988. Both the sentence will run concurrently and fine of Rs.6,000 for the said offences and Tr.B.Saminathan, Formerly Forest Guard was sentenced to undergo 2 years RI for section 13(1) (d) of Pc act 1988, and fine of Rs. 2500/- for the said offence.