

Press Note

Village Administrative Officer and his Assistant arrested for getting bribe for Patta Name Transfer.

The complainant Tr.Manoharan, S/o.Palanisamy residing at IOB Colony, Marudhamalai Road, Coimbatore, is a building contractor. On 19.09.2023, he had applied for the Patta name transfer for his own land which was transferred to his son vide settlement deed through online e-seva governmental portal. On 20.09.2023, he went to the Vadavalli Village Administrative Office and met the village administrative officer Tr.Naveen, at that time, VAO demanded Rs.5,000/- for his recommendation towards the Patta Name Transfer and asked the complainant to deal the same with his assistant Tr.Manickaraj. On the instruction of the VAO, the assistant Tr.Manickaraj reduced the bribe amount and demanded Rs.2,000/- for the recommendation of VAO regarding the Patta Name Transfer. The complainant came to Coimbatore Vigilance and Anti-Corruption and gave a complaint on 29.09.2023. In this connection a trap was organized. During the trap proceedings, on 29.09.2023 the complainant met VAO Tr.Naveen at his office, after ensuring the availability of bribe money with the complainant, VAO Tr.Naveen asked the complainant to handover it to his assistant Tr.Manickaraj to receive the same. Tr.Manickaraj demanded and accepted the tainted money of Rs.2,000/- from the complainant. After receiving the bribe money only the said VAO recommended the process of Patta Name Transfer. Both the accused were arrested.