

## **PRESS NOTE**

### **FORESTER CONVICTED IN BRIBE CASE**

The complainant Tr. M.Raja, was running a private canteen at Namakkal District. During 2005, the Forest Department auctioned bamboos trees. The petitioner participated in the auction and obtained the bamboos trees from auction. Later the complainant had applied for transport permit for transporting the bamboos trees. For issuing permit Tr. K. Varadharajan, Forester, Sendamangalam, and Tr. V. Kasimani, Forest Guard, Naducombai, Sendamangalam, Namakkal District demanded Rs.4,000/- as bribe for processing his application. The complainant not willing to give bribe, preferred complaint with Vigilance and Anti- Corruption, Namakkal Detachment. In this connection a trap was organized. On 05.03.2005 Tr. K. Varadharajan, Forester, Sendamangalam received the bribe amount from the complainant. On completion of investigation, the case was charge sheeted against the accused. The case was tried before the Hon'ble Special Judge / Chief Judicial Magistrate, Namakkal. Today 30.01.2024 Special Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Namakkal pronounced the judgment against Tr. Varadharajan and sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for 3 years and to pay a fine of Rs. 5,000/- u/s.7 of PC Act, 1988 and 3yrs and Rs.5000 for u/s.13(2) r/w 13(1) (d) of the PC Act,1988, ordered to run the sentence concurrently and Tr.V.Kasimani, was acquitted for 12 r/w u/s.7 r/w. 13(2) r/w. 13(1)(d) of the PC Act, 1988.