PRESS NOTE

<u>Tr.Senthilkumar, Commercial Inspector, TNEB, Velandipalayam, Coimbatore was</u> <u>convicted for 1 year for demand and acceptance of Rs.900/- as bribe</u>.

The complainant Tr.Augustian Paulraj, has applied for applied new EB connection in the name of his mother at TNEB Office, Velandipalayam, Coimbatore. Tr.Senthilkumar, Commercial Inspector, TNEB, Velandipalayam, Coimbatore, demanded Rs.900/- as bribe to process his application. As the complainant was not willing to pay the bribe, he lodged a complainant before V&AC Coimbatore Office and based on that a case was registered by Vigilance and Anti-Corruption against Tr.Senthilkumar, Commercial Inspector and a trap was organized.

In pursuance to the above said demand, on 31.08.2006 Tr.Senthilkumar, Commercial Inspector, reiterated his earlier demand and instructed Tr.Gopinathan, Mazdoor Trainee, who stood nearby to receive the bribe amount from the complainant. As per the instruction Tr.Gopiathan received the bribe of Rs.900/- from the complainant. Both accused were caught red handed and remanded to Judicial custody.

After completion of investigation, the case was charge sheeted before the Hon'ble Special Judge for the Cases Under Prevention of Corruption Act, Coimbatore. After completion of Trial the Hon'ble Special Judge for the Cases Under Prevention of Corruption Act Coimbatore pronounced judgment today (30.08.2024), that the accused Tr.Senthilkumar is found to be guilty for commission of offences U/s 7 of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act 2018 and r/w 13 (2) r/w 13(1)(d) of PC Act, 1988.

For the offence committed U/s 7 of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act 2018, Tr.Senthilkumar was convicted and sentenced to undergo 1 year Simple Imprisonment & fine of Rs. 5,000/- and 1 year Simple Imprisonment & fine of Rs. 5,000/- for the offence u/s. 13 (2) r/w 13(1)(d) of PC Act, 1988. Both the sentences ordered to run concurrently.

Tr.Gopinathan, Mazdoor Trainee expired on 11.03.2023, the charge as against Tr.Gopinathan was abetted.