

EXCISE SUPERINTENDENT AND EXCISE SUB- INSPECTOR ARRESTED BY VIGILANCE ON GRAFT CHARGE.

Today i.e on 16.4.2018, Sri Abhaya Panjar Sahoo, I/c Excise Supdt. Jajpur and Sri Manoj Kumar Barik, Excise Sub-Inspector, Dharmasala Charge Office, Jajpur have been caught red handed by the officers of Vigilance, Cuttack Division for demanding and accepting illegal gratification of Rs.40,000/- from Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh of village Pattarajpur, P.S-Balichandrapur Dist- Jajpur for renewal of his Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) Off Shop license with promise to help him in future.

The gist of the case is that, Sri Sanjaya Kumar Singh, complainant had applied for renewal of his IMFL Off Shop license No.38/2018-19. The accused Sri Sahoo renewed the license on 31.3.2018 and demanded Rs.50,000/- as reward for renewal of his Off Shop License for the year 2018-19, but the complainant requested to reduce the demanded bribe amount. Accused Sri Sahoo reduced the demanded money from Rs.50,000/- to Rs.40,000/-. Finding no other alternative, Sri Singh agreed to pay the demanded amount against his will and reported the matter before the S.P, Vigilance, Cuttack Division, Cuttack for taking legal action.

Accordingly, a trap was laid on 16.4.2018 at about 1.50 P.M. On the direction of Sri Sahoo, Sri Barik, Excise Sub-Inspector received the bribe money of Rs.40,000/- from the complainant Sri Singh. Sri Manoj Kumar Barik, Excise Sub-Inspector has been caught red handed while accepting the bribe amount of Rs.40,000/- from the complainant and on seeing the Vigilance team, he threw the same on the back side of the Office Almira. The bribe money has been recovered and seized in presence of witnesses. Both hands wash of Sri Barik gave positive chemical reaction confirming acceptance of bribe. The residential house of Sri Sahoo located at Cuttack and house of Sri Barik located at Paralakhemundi, Dist-Gajapati are being searched. Both the accused Sri Sahoo and Sri Barik have been arrested and will be forwarded to the Court.

In this connection, Cuttack Vigilance P.S. Case No.15 dt.14.4.2018 U/s 7 Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 has been registered and is under investigation.

It may be pertinent to mention here that, accused Sri Abhaya Panjar Sahoo was earlier sent up in Balasore Vigilance P.S. Case No-51/15 (Trap Case) which is sub-judice in the court. In this connection, departmental proceeding was also initiated against Sri Sahoo by the Excise Department. Besides, he is also an accused in Balasore Vigilance P.S. Case No-49/17 registered for possession of disproportionate assets beyond his known sources of income. The case is under investigation.

Sd/-

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Vigilance Directorate, Cuttack.**