

VIGILANCE DIRECTORATE  
ODISHA, CUTTACK.



---

PRESS RELEASE

Dt.11.10.2021

\*\*\*

I) **ASSETS WORTH OVER RS 1.02 CRORE UNEARTHED IN HOUSE SEARCH OF GRAMA PANCHAYAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANT (GPTA), TILEIBANI BLOCK, DIST-DEOGARH.**

On the allegation of possession of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income, **simultaneous house searches** have been launched on the properties of Sri Bikash Kumar Behera, GPTA, Tileibani Block, Dist-Deogarh at 3 places in Deogarh district today i.e. on 11.10.2021 by 3 teams of Odisha Vigilance comprising 4 DSsP, 2 Inspectors and other staff.

**1 double storeyed building at Balam, Dist-Deogarh, 60 plots including 59 plots in Deogarh district and 1 plot in Sambalpur town worth Rs.50.68 Lakh, 1 four wheeler, Bank deposits over Rs.6.61 Lakh, Insurance deposits over Rs.21.15 Lakh, gold ornaments weighing 386 grams worth over Rs.7.83 Lakh, cash of Rs.2,99,965/- and other movable and immovable properties, all totalling to over Rs 1.02 Crore** have been unearthed during the house search till now.

Further searches are continuing.

II) **JUNIOR CLERK (OFFENCE SECTION), O/O DFO, SUNDARGARH ARRESTED BY VIGILANCE WHILE ACCEPTING RS.10 THOUSAND BRIBE.**

**In another Vigilance Operation today, Sri Srikanta Hota, Junior Clerk (Offence Section), office of DFO, Sundargarh, Dist-Sundargarh has been apprehended by Odisha Vigilance for demanding and accepting undue advantage (bribe) of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) from a complainant in order to**

process the file for release of compensation amount to the complt. on account of the death of his father by a wild elephant in the year, 2019.

Based on the above complaint, a trap was laid on 11.10.2021 wherein the accused Sri Srikanta Hota, Junior Clerk was caught by the team of Odisha Vigilance while demanding and accepting undue advantage (bribe) of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) from complainant. The bribe money was recovered from the possession of Sri Hota and seized in presence of witnesses. Both hands wash as well as pant pocket wash of Sri Hota gave positive chemical reaction, confirming acceptance and handling of bribe money by him. Following the trap, **simultaneous searches have been launched** on the residential house and office room of Sri Hota at Sundargarh. **He has been arrested** and is being forwarded to the Court.

In this connection, Rourkela Vigilance P.S. Case No.10 dated 10.10.2021 U/s 7 Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 has been registered and is under investigation.

### **III) EX-ASSISTANT FISHERIES OFFICER, BELAGUNTHA BLOCK, DIST-GANJAM CONVICTED IN VIGILANCE TRAP CASE.**

Sri Epili Udayanath, Ex-Assistant Fisheries Officer (Retired), Belaguntha Block, Dist-Ganjam was facing trial in the Court of Special Judge, Vigilance, Berhampur in Berhampur Vigilance P.S. Case No.24 dated 06.06.2012 U/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d)/7 Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 for demand and acceptance of illegal gratification of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) from complainant to prepare the bill for payment to the labors engaged in execution of Farm Pond.

Today, i.e. on 11.10.2021, the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge, Vigilance, Berhampur convicted Sri Udayanath, Ex-Asst. Fisheries Officer and sentenced him to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 1 year and to pay fine of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand), and in default of payment of fine, to undergo further rigorous imprisonment for a period of 2 months for the offence U/s 7 Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The Hon'ble Court further sentenced him to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 2 years and to pay fine of

Rs.5,000/-(Rupees Five Thousand), and in default of payment of fine, to undergo further rigorous imprisonment for a period of 3 months for the offence U/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Both the sentences are to run concurrently.

Shri A.K. Nayak, the then Inspector of Vigilance, Berhampur Division had investigated the case and Sri P.K. Dora, Addl. Spl. P.P, Vigilance, Berhampur conducted the case on behalf of the prosecution.