

ODISHA VIGILANCE REVIEW-2022

DETECTION

- É 285 CRIMINAL CASES REGISTERED; 200 GOVT. OFFICERS AND OTHERS ARRESTED.
- É 84 DA CASES REGISTERED; DISPROPORTIONATE ASSETS (DA) WORTH OVER 174 CRORES UNEARTHED.
- É 118 TRAP CASES REGISTERED; 129 PERSONS INCLUDING 126 GOVT. OFFICERS TRAPPED WHILE DEMANDING AND ACCEPTING BRIBE WORTH RS.36.94 LAKHS.
- É TOP 4 CASH SEIZURES IN DA SEARCHES IN THE HISTORY OF ODISHA VIGILANCE IN 2022.
- É HIGHEST BRIBE MONEY SEIZURE IN A TRAP CASE (RS 10 LAKH) IN THE HISTORY OF ODISHA VIGILANCE IN 2022.
- É CASES REGISTERED AGAINST 60 CLASS-I OFFICERS IN 2022 (HIGHEST IN LAST 5 YEARS).

INVESTIGATION

- É SEARCHES AT OVER 600 LOCATIONS CARRIED OUT BY IN TRAP/DA CASES.
- É 898 NUMBER OF BANK ACCOUNTS OF CORRUPT PUBLIC SERVANTS FROZEN BY ODISHA VIGILANCE. CRYPTO ASSETS ALSO UNEARTHED AND FREEZED.
- É 111 NUMBER OF BUILDINGS/PROJECTS IN 62 VALUATION CASES WORTH APPROX RS.24 CRORES EVALUATED.
- É 62 SPOUSES MADE CO-ACCUSED IN 82 NUMBER OF DA CASES.
- É INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED IN 347 CASES AT A DISPOSAL RATE OF 122% OF REGISTRATION. HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF DISPOSAL IN A DECADE.
- É INVESTIGATIONS IN ALL TRAP CASES OF 2021 AND EARLIER AND OVER 60% TRAP CASES OF 2022 COMPLETED.

PROSECUTION

- É 91 CONVICTIONS IN 2022; CONVICTIONS AGAINST SH VINOD KUMAR, IAS & MD MOQUIM, MD METRO BUILDERS

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

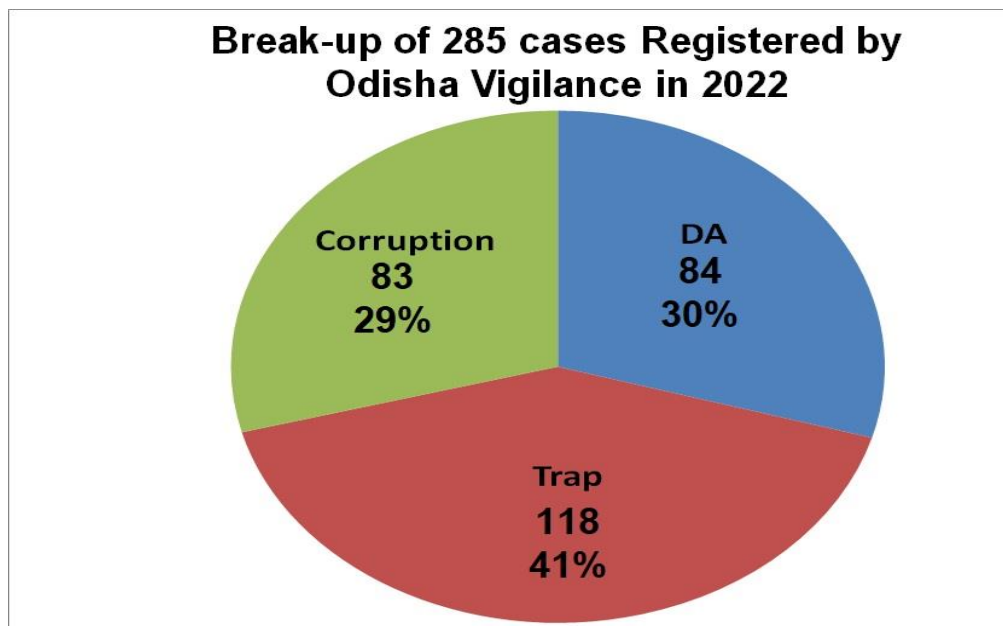
- É VIGILANCE CLEARANCE FOR 40,786 PUBLIC SERVANTS ISSUED.
- É 388 ALL INDIA SERVICE & STATE GOVT. OFFICERS TRAINED AT STATE VIGILANCE ACADEMY IN 2022

DETECTION

Registration of cases:

In the year 2022, Odisha Vigilance registered 285 cases against 544 persons including 60 Class-I officers, 53 Class-II officers, 227 Class-III employees, 7 Class-IV employees, 38 other public servants and 159 private persons. The 285 cases included 84 Disproportionate Assets (DA) cases, 118 Trap cases and rest other Corruption cases. Last year Odisha Vigilance had detected and registered the

highest number of DA cases in the country and this year too we are hopeful of a similar performance.



Of the 285 cases, 60 were registered against Class-I officers which is the highest in last 5 years. Data given below for last 5 years;



Disproportionate Assets (DA) cases:

Out of 285 cases registered in 2022, 84 cases were instituted for acquisition of disproportionate assets against 91 public servants and 56 private persons. **The total disproportionate assets in all the 84 cases stood at Rs.174.83 Crores.** 32 DA cases were registered against Class-I officers and 27 DA cases were

registered against Class-II officers. **The top 4 cash seizures in DA searches in the history of Odisha Vigilance happened in 2022 with Rs.7.01 Crores seized.**

The details of top 5 cash seizures in the history of Odisha Vigilance are as under;



- 1) Cash seizure of Rs. 3,41,66,280/- during house searches against Sri Kartikeswar Raul, AE, MI, Bhanjanagar, Ganjam on **07.04.2022**.
- 2) Cash seizure of Rs 1,40,18,070 during house searches against Ashish Kumar Das, SE, RW Division, Malkangiri on **25.03.2022**.
- 3) Cash seizure of Rs 1,13,16,720/- during house searches against Dr. Sukant Jena, Gynaecologist, Charichhaka CHC following trap on **16.02.2022**.
- 4) Cash seizure of Rs 1,06,44,500/- during house searches against Sri Gaya Santara, Joint Manager, IDCOL on **20/21.12.2022**.
- 5) Cash seizure of Rs 1,01,70,000/- during house searches against Sri Sudhansu Sekhar Mishra, Ex-DFO, Athagarh, Cuttack on **24.02.2016**.

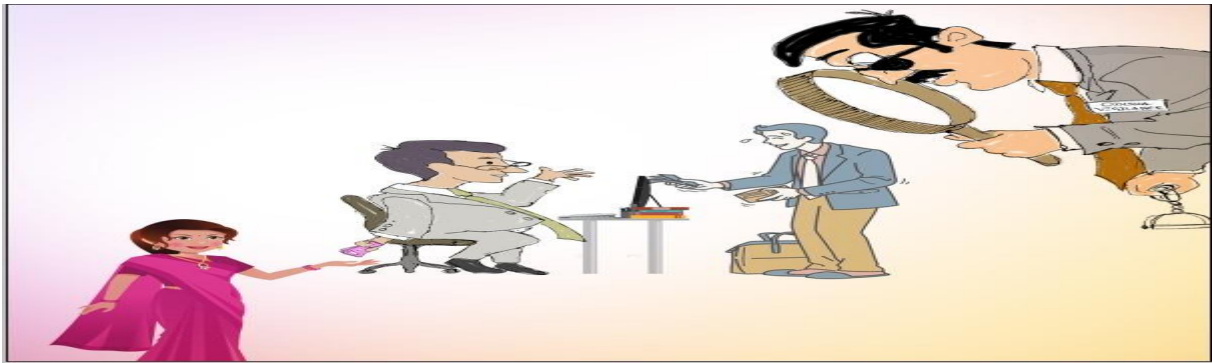
Major DA cases based on DA amount:

- 1) Sri Gaya Santara, Joint Manager, IDCOL - **Rs.10,18,68,732/-**.
- 2) Sri Trinath Mishra, Additional Superintendent of Police, Communication, Tulasipur, Cuttack - **Rs.9,05,29,073/-**.
- 3) Sri Kartikeswar Raul, Assistant Engineer, Minor Irrigation, Bhanjanagar, Dist-Ganjam - **Rs.7,47,62,194/-**

- 4) Sri Jagannath Rout, Live Stock Inspector, Kalarahanga, Raghunathpur, Bhubaneswar - **Rs.6,96,29,769/-**
- 5) Sri Jagannath Sethy, Executive Engineer, Rural Works (Electrical) Division, Berhampur, Dist-Ganjam - **Rs.6,79,62,748/-**
- 6) Sri Ratnakar Sethy, Additional Civil Supplies Officer (ACSO), Nuapada, Dist-Nuapada - **Rs.6,43,84,862/-**

Spouses as Co-Accused:

62 Spouses were also brought in the ambit of investigations as co-accused in DA cases.



Interception cases:

This year, 7 Govt. officers (3 Class-I, 2 Class-II officers & 2 Class-III employees) were intercepted while carrying unaccounted cash of Rs.27,21,770/- (Rupees Twenty-seven Lakhs Twenty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy). The major interception cases were;

1. Sri Ashish Kumar Dash, Superintending Engineer, RW Division, Malkangiri - **Rs.10,23,970/-**.
2. Smt. Neena Beura, Dy. Superintendent of Excise, Rayagada - **Rs.6,29,000/-**.
3. Sri Srimant Kumar Sethi, Superintending Engineer (SE), Salandi Canal Division, Bhadrak - **Rs.5,00,000/-**.

Trap Cases:

118 trap cases were instituted during the year against 126 public servants and 3 private persons including 12 Class-I officers, 20 Class-II officers, 86 Class-III employees, 2 Class-IV employees, 6 other public servants and 3 private persons for demand and acceptance of bribe amounting to **Rs.36.94 Lakhs**. The highest cash

seizure in a trap case in the history of Odisha Vigilance happened in 2022. **Some of the major Trap cases are as follows;**

1. On 13.05.2022, Smt. Manasi Jena, Inspector of Police, Vigilance, Sambalpur Division was trapped by Internal Vigilance Unit of Odisha Vigilance while taking bribe **Rs.10,00,000/-** through her associate from a Government official for closing a petition against him.
2. On 29.06.2022, Sri Prakash Chandra Sahoo, Addl. Commercial Tax Officer, CT & GST, Enforcement Unit, Paradeep, Dist-Jagatsinghpur was nabbed by Odisha Vigilance while taking bribe **Rs.2,00,000/-** from a businessman for inspection of his business site and verification of records carried out in May-2022.
3. On 07.05.2022, Smt. Sarada Maharana, ORS, Additional Tahasildar, Kuchinda Tahasil Office, Dist-Sambalpur was trapped by Odisha Vigilance while taking bribe **Rs.1,20,000/-** to reduce the penalty towards release of a seized vehicle.
4. On 10.05.2022, Sri Harihar Swain, Forester, Sindhekela Beat under Bangomunda Forest Range, Dist-Bolangir was nabbed by Odisha Vigilance while taking bribe **Rs.1,00,300/-** from laborers working under different projects of Forest Department.

Misappropriation cases:

During the year, 83 misappropriation cases relating to misappropriation of public money were registered against 270 persons, including 170 public servants and 100 private persons, involving misappropriation of public funds amounting to about **Rs.19.50 Crores**. Misappropriation cases were registered against 16 Class-I officers, 6 Class-II officers, 114 Class-III employees, 4 Class-IV employees, 30 other public servants and 100 private persons.

Arrest:

During this period, 200 persons were arrested, which included 37 Class-I officers, 39 Class-II officers, 105 Class-III employees, 4 Class-IV employee, 5 other public servants and 10 private persons.



Among those arrested, include 47 Engineers of different departments, 31 Revenue Officers / officials, 20 Police Officers, 13 Forest Officers / officials, 12 Doctors and 7 ICDS functionaries.

INVESTIGATION

During investigation, searches at over 600 locations were carried out by Odisha Vigilance against 200 corrupt public servants involved in Trap/DA cases.

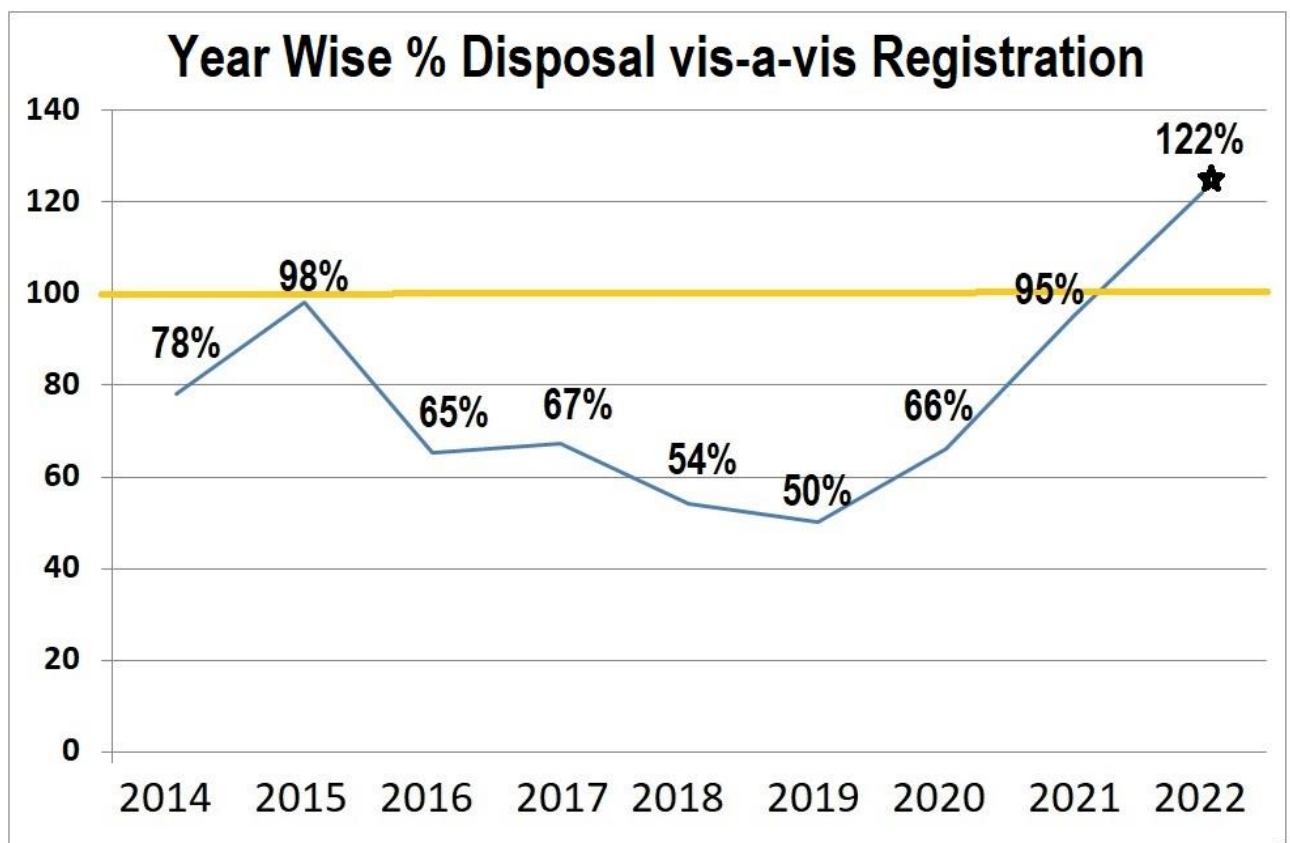
Also 898 number of Bank accounts of corrupt public servants were frozen by Odisha Vigilance.

Further, 111 number of buildings in 62 valuation cases worth approx Rs.24 Crores were evaluated by the Technical Wing of Odisha Vigilance.

Disposal:

This year, high priority was placed on disposal along with detection. Investigations in all trap cases of 2021 and earlier were completed. Also, investigation in about 60% trap cases of 2022 were completed. During the year, 347 cases were disposed off after investigation as against registration of 285 cases, taking the disposal rate to 122% of registration. This disposal rate was the highest in a decade as revealed in the table below:

Year	Percentage of disposal.
2014	78%
2015	98%
2016	65%
2017	67%
2018	54%
2019	50%
2020	66%
2021	95%
2022	122%



PROSECUTION

As far as prosecution is concerned, we had 91 convictions in 2022 at about 50% conviction rate. Of the 91 convictions, 23 were against Class-I officers, 7 Class-II officers, 65 Class-III employees, 13 other public servants and 16 private persons. **Some of the major Convictions are as follows:**

1. Sri Vinod Kumar, IAS, Ex-M.D, ORHDC & Md. Moquim, M.D Metro Builders along with others were convicted in a Vigilance case on 29.09.2022. Sri Vinod Kumar, IAS was convicted in total 6 corruption cases investigated by Odisha Vigilance, of which 4 convictions were in 2022.
2. Sri Ambika Prasad Tripathy, Ex-Chief Engineer (Retired), Upper Indravati Project, Khatiguda, Dist-Nabarangpur, Sri Prasanta Kumar Ghosla, Ex-Chief Engineer (Retired), Upper Indravati Project, Khatiguda, Dist-Nabarangpur and Sri Sadananda Mishra, Ex-Executive Engineer (Retired), Upper Indravati Right Canal, Division-II, Junagarh, Dist-Kalahandi were convicted in corruption case on 21.12.2022.
3. Sri Kedarnath Bhoi, Ex-BDO (retired), Gudvela Block, Dist-Bolangir was convicted in a Trap case on 24.02.2022.
4. Smt. Sabita Sahu, Ex-Tahasildar, Shamakhunta, Dist-Mayurbhanj, A/p-Deputy Collector, Collectorate, Balasore was convicted in a Trap case on 25.03.2022.
5. Sri Gangadhar Sahoo, Ex-Executive Engineer, CADA-I, Bhubaneswar was convicted in a DA case on 27.04.2022.
6. Sri Damodar Das, Ex-Deputy General Manager, Electrical, CESU Head Office, IDCO Tower, Bhubaneswar was convicted in a DA case on 25.08.2022.

Dismissal from service:

During this period, 30 public servants i.e. 2 Class-I Officers, 8 Class-II Officers and 20 Class-III employees were dismissed from Govt. service following their conviction in Vigilance cases.

Compulsory Retirement:

During the year, a significant number of officers with corruption charges were given compulsory retirement by the Government in pursuance of the policy of zero tolerance to corruption. Some of the notable names include;

- 1) Sri Sunil Kumar Panda, Chief Engineer-cum-Chief Electrical Inspector, Sambalpur, Dist-Sambalpur.

- 2) Sri Sushil Kumar Kujur, OAS (I), Ex-BDO, Sadar Block, Dhenkanal.
- 3) Sri Trinath Mishra, Ex-Additional Superintendent of Police (Addl. S.P), Communication, Tulasipur, Cuttack.
- 4) Sri Jagannath Sethy, Ex-Executive Engineer, Rural Works (Electrical) Division, Berhampur.
- 5) Sri Santosh Kumar Das, Assistant Engineer, Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), Baripada, Dist.- Mayurbhanj.
- 6) Sri Braja Kumar Nayak, Block Education Officer (BEO), Nuagada Block, Dist- Gajapati.
- 7) Sri Antaryami Behera, Block Education Officer (BEO), Gunupur, Dist-Rayagada.
- 8) Sri Ratnakar Sethy, Ex-Additional Civil Supplies Officer (ACSO), Nuapada, Dist-Nuapada.
- 9) Sri Rabindra Kumar Sethy, Ex-D.S.P. Nuapada, Dist- Nuapada.
- 10) Sri Binod Bihari Nayak, Inspector-in-charge, Bangomunda Police Station, Dist-Bolangir.
- 11) Smt. Sarala Dei, CDPO, Balikuda, Dist-Jagatsinghpur.

Lokayukta Matters:

During the year, State Vigilance received 16 number of cases from the Hon'ble Lokayukta for enquiry and submitted 23 numbers of enquiry reports after thorough enquiries. As per direction of Hon'ble Lokayukta, Odisha Vigilance also registered 10 number of criminal cases and submitted 10 number of investigation reports after painstaking investigations. **The quality of enquiries and investigations by Odisha Vigilance were appreciated by the Hon'ble Lokayukta.**

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Vigilance Clearance:

During this period, Vigilance clearance in respect of **40786** public servants were issued in response to **4394** letters received from Govt./Heads of the Departments/District Offices/Public Sector Undertakings of Odisha for the purpose of Promotion/VRS/Pension/RACP/MACP/Passport etc.

State Vigilance Academy (SVA):

In the year 2022, **388 Officers** from various cadres of both Central and State Government i.e. IAS, IFoS, OAS, OPS, OFS, OT & AS, OFoS, ORS, Odisha State Prosecution Service as well as officers of Vigilance were trained on Anti-Corruption Laws, Preventive Vigilance and good governance as a repository of knowledge in the field of anti-corruption, transparency and good governance.

THE ROAD AHEAD

Going forward, Odisha Vigilance is committed to take strong actions against corrupt practices with focus on higher ranks through enhanced application of technology in detection and investigation, more effective tracking of databases related to accumulation of assets, both physical and digital, be it land, buildings, currency, deposits or even crypto assets, to identify Disproportionate Assets and take action as per law under the PC Act.