FIRST INFORMATION REPORT
முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கை
(Under Section 154 Cr.P.C.)
(கு.ந.வி.தொ.பிரிவு 154 இன் கீழ்)

TAMIL NADU POLICE
INTEGRATED INVESTIGATION FORM-I

C 8165190

1. District : மாவட்டம்: Chennai PS: காவல்நிலையம்: DVAC, HQRS Year: ஆண்டு: 2026 FIR No.: மு.த.அ. எண்: 05/26 Date: நாள்: 28.07.2026

2. (i) Act சட்டம்: Indian Penal Code Sections பிரிவுகள்: 120B, 167, 409, 109, 420 IPC
(ii) Act சட்டம்: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Sections பிரிவுகள்: 61(2), 201, 316(5) of BNS
(iii) Act சட்டம்: Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 as amended in 2018 Sections பிரிவுகள்: 13(2) r/w 13(1)(a), 7(c) r/w 12 of PC Act 1988 as amended in 2018
(iv) Other Acts & Sections பிற சட்டங்களும், பிரிவுகளும் :

3. (a) Occurrence of Offence Day : குற்ற நிகழ்வு நாள் Date from : நாள் முதல் 2021 Date to : நாள் வரை 2025
Time Period : நேர அளவு Time from : நேரம் முதல் Time to : நேரம் வரை
(b) Information Received at PS. Date : காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு தகவல் கிடைத்த நாள் 28.07.2026 Time : நேரம் 20.30 hrs
(c) General Diary Reference : Entry No(s) பொது நாட்குறிப்பில் பதிவு விவரம் எண் 28.07.2026 Time : நேரம் 21.30 hrs

4. Type of Information : Written/ Oral : தகவலின் வகை : எழுத்து மூலம் / வாய் மொழியாக Type Written

5. Place of Occurrence (a) Direction and Distance from PS: குற்ற நிகழ்விடம் (அ) காவல்நிலையத்திலிருந்து எவ்வளவு தூரமும், எத்திசையும் Chennai, Karur, Erode and other places in TamilNadu
Beat Number : முறைக் காவல் எண் (b) Address : முகவரி
(c) In case outside limit of this Police Station, then the Name of P.S : இக்காவல் நிலைய எல்லைக்கப்பால் நடந்து இருக்குமாயின், அந்நிலையில் அந்த கா.நி.பெயர் District : மாவட்டம்

6. Complainant /Informant (a) Name : குற்றமுறையீட்டாளர்/ தகவல் தந்தவர் பெயர் N. Ravikumar (b) Father's/ Husband's Name : தந்தை / கணவர் பெயர் R. Nagarajan
(c) Date / Year of Birth : நாள் / பிறந்த ஆண்டு (d) Nationality : நாட்டினம் Indian (e) Passport No. : வெளிநாட்டு கடவுச்சீட்டு எண்
Date of Issue : வழங்கப்பட்ட நாள் Place of Issue : வழங்கப்பட்ட இடம்
(f) Occupation : தொழில் Inspector Of Police (g) Address : முகவரி Special Investigation Cell, Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, No.293, M.K.N Road, Alandhur, Chennai-16.

7. Details of Known/Suspected/Unknown accused with full particulars. (Attach separate sheet if necessary)
தெரிந்த / ஐயப்பாட்டிற்குறிய / தெரியாத குற்றஞ்சாட்டப்பட்டவரின் முழுமையான விவரங்கள் (தேவையெனில் தனித்தாள் இணைக்கவும்)

As per enclosed Sheet in Annexure "A"

8. Reasons for delay in reporting by the complainant / Informant:
குற்றமுறையீட்டாளரால் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரால் முறையிட்டதில் தகவல் கொடுப்பதில் தாமதம்

No delay

9. Particulars of properties stolen / involved (Attach separate sheet if necessary)
களவாடப்பட்ட / களவிற்குள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் விவரம் (தேவையெனில் தனித் தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

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10. Total value of properties stolen / involved : —
களவாடப்பட்ட / களவிற்குள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் மொத்த மதிப்பு

11. Inquest Report / Un-natural death Case No. if any:
பிண விசாரணை அறிக்கை / இயற்கைக்கு மாறான இறப்பு எண் ஏதேனும் இருந்தால் —

12. FIR Contents (Attach separate sheet, if required) :
முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கையின் சுருக்கம். (தேவையெனில் தனித்தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

Seperate Sheets are herewith attached in Annexure "B"

13. Action taken : Since the above report reveals commission of offence(s) u/s as mentioned at item No.2 registered the case and took up the investigation / directed ………………….. Rank ………………….. to take up the Investigation / Refused Investigation / transferred to PS…………………………………………..on point of jurisdiction.

எடுக்கப்பட்ட நடவடிக்கை : மேலே குற்ற முறையீட்டில் உள்ளவை பிரிவு 2ல் கூறப்பட்ட சட்ட பிரிவுப்படியான குற்றமாக வழக்கு பதிவு செய்து புலனாய்வுக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டது / பணிக்கப்படுதல் …………………………… பதவி ………………….. நிலை பணியாளரின் புலனாய்வுக்கு எடுத்துகொள்ள பணிக்கப்பட்டது / மறுக்கப்பட்டு எல்லையைக் கருதி புலனாய்வுக்கு ……………………………………….. காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு மாற்றப்படுகிறது.

FIR read over to the Complainant / Informant, admitted to be correctly recorded and a copy given to the Complainant / Informant free of cost.
மு.த.அ. குற்றமுறையீட்டாளருக்கு / தகவல் தந்தவருக்கு படித்துக்காட்டி, அது சரியாக எழுதப்பட்டு இருப்பதாக ஏற்றுக் கொள்ளப்பட்டு, அதன் படி நகல் ஒன்று இலவசமாக கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.

28.07.2026.

14. Signature / Thumb Impression of the Complainant / Informant
குற்றமுறையீட்டாளர் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரின் ஒப்பம் /
பெருவிரல் இரேகைப் பதிவு

Signature of the Officer in-charge, Police Station
காவல் நிலைய பொறுப்பு அலுவலரின் ஒப்பம்

15. Date & Time of despatch to the court:
நீதிமன்றத்திற்கு அனுப்பப்பட்ட நாளும், நேரமும்

28.07.2026 at 22.00hrs

Name: பெயர் N. Ravi Kumar
Rank: நிலை ………………….No. எண் ………
Inspector of Police,
Special Investigation Cell,
VLAC, Chennai-16

Annexure-A

Details of Accused

1) Tr.V.Senthil Balaji,, formerly Minister for Electricity, Prohibition, and Excise.Door.No 123/92, Rameshwarapatti, Manmangalam Circle, Manmangalam.P.O, Karur District.

2) Tr.S.Visakan, IAS., formerly Managing Director, TASMAC, Chennai

3) Tr.T.Rama Durai Murugan, formerly Senior Regional Manager, TASMAC, Chennai

4) Tr.R.Panneer Selvam, formerly Senior Regional Manager, TASMAC, Chennai

5) Tr.Bhaskar, formerly, Personal Assistant to Tr.V.Senthil Balaji, formerly Minister for Electricity, Prohibition, and Excise.

6) Tr.Rathesh Raj, Shanmugavel, (Private Individual - Close Associate of Tr.V.Senthil Balaji),

7) Tr.S.Karthik @ Mulanoor Karthik, S/o Shanmugavel, No.304,Annai Apartments, Erode Road, Athur Post ,Karur,

And Distillery/Brewery Companies Transport firms, Bottling firms/Companies and Other Unknown Public Servants of TASMAC and Others.

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Annexure-B

Continuation of Serial No.12 of the F.I.R in Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Headquarters Cr.No.05/2026 U/s 120 B, 167, 409, 109, 420 IPC, 61(2), 201, 316(5) of BNS, 2023 and Section 13(2) r/w 13(1)(a) and Section 7(c) r/w 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

Accused:	Submitted:
1) Tr.V.Senthil Balaji, formerly Minister for Electricity, Prohibition, and Excise.Door.No 123/92, Rameshwarapatti, Manmangalam Circle, Manmangalam.P.O, Karur District. 2) Tr.S.Visakan, IAS., formerly Managing Director, TASMAC, Chennai 3) Tr.T.Rama Durai Murugan, formerly Senior Regional Manager, TASMAC, Chennai 4) Tr.R.Panneer Selvam, formerly Senior Regional Manager, TASMAC, Chennai 5) Tr.Bhaskar, formerly Personal Assistant to A1 formerly Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise.	The Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption had received a letter in 23096 / H, P&E (VI-1) /2026-1 dated 25.07.2026 of Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Prohibition and Excise (VI) Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009 with an enclosure of two typed petitions and the copy of Counter Affidavit filed by the Enforcement Directorate in SLP Crl.No.7958/2025 against the marginally noted accused 1) Tr.V.Senthil Balaji, formerly Minister for Electricity, Prohibition, and Excise, 2) Tr.S.Visakan, IAS., formerly MD of TASMAC 3) Tr.T.Rama Durai Murugan, formerly Senior Regional Manager, TASMAC, Chennai, 4) Tr.R.Panneer Selvam, formerly Senior Regional Manager, TASMAC, Chennai, 5) Tr.Bhaskar, Personal Assistant to Tr.V.Senthil Balaji, formerly Minister for Electricity, Prohibition, and Excise, 6) Tr.Rathesh Raj Shanmugavel, (Private Individual - Close Associate of Tr.V.Senthil Balaji), 7) Tr.S.Karthik @ Mulanoor Karthik, Karur (Private Individual - Close Associate of

6) Tr.Rathesh Raj Shanmugavel, (Private Individual - Close Associate of Tr.V.Senthil Balaji) 7) Tr.S.Karthik @ Mulanoor Karthik, S/o Shanmugavel, No.304, Annai Apartments, Erode Road, Athur Post, Karur, And Distillery/Brewery Companies Transport firms, Bottling firms/Companies and Other Unknown Public Servants of TASMAC and Others.	Tr.V.Senthil Balaji). The Government letter No. AC/489-1/2026, dated: 28.07.2026 accorded section 17 A prior approval and in compliance with Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Memorandum a Regular Case in V&AC Headquarters Crime No. 05/2026 is registered against A-1 to A-7 for the allegations of misappropriation and Manipulation of Procurement and tender processes in allotting Bar licences, transport tenders and Bogus / inflated transactions by certain distilleries/Breweries, transport firms and bottling firms/companies.

In Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Ltd **(TASMAC),** there are around 5380 TASMAC liquor selling retail shops and 3240 TASMAC bars are operating throughout Tamil Nadu. The District Managers of TASMAC were authorized to invite fresh tenders for running TASMAC bars and for selling of empty carton boxes.

The revenue to the Government from the sale of the TASMAC retail shop had drastically increased year after year but in contrast to the above fact, the revenue to Government from TASMAC bars had drastically decreased.

In the districts of Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Tirupur, Erode, Namakkal and Karur, in the year 2021 tender was invited from public for 857 bars and the tender bid was opened on 31.12.2021 and finalized the L1. In the tender process, the District Managers of TASMAC violated and breached the tender rules. During opening of tenders, all the applicants who participated in the tender should be allowed to witness the opening of tender but the District Managers of TASMAC allowed particular participant and made favour to him.

The tenderers who participated in the tender process had formed syndicate with themselves and submitted EMD Demand Draft from the same bank with continuous serial numbers which clearly shows that cartelization had taken place in the above tenders.

In the districts of Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Tirupur, Erode, Namakkal, and Karur, out of 857 TASMAC bars, 284 bars were closed but on ground reality, these 284 bars were still operating without renewal of the license. As per Government instruction, any bar not submitting the monthly Demand-draft, it should be closed and fresh tender should be floated for the said bar. As the District Managers of TASMAC and other TASMAC officials colluded with the bar owners and did not follow the rules which resulted in revenue loss to the Government to the tune of Rs.17,27,13,360/- in the Coimbatore North, Rs.13,58,23,630/- in Coimbatore South District and Rs.1,95,74,844/- in Nilgiris District during the year 2022 – 2023.

It is ascertained that through the documents enclosed in the 2 petitions and Counter Affidavit of the Enforcement Directorate, the following malpractices have happened in TASMAC with the connivance of the public servants, the officials of TASMAC along with the private individuals and the companies.

i) Malpractices had taken place in the transport tender process invited for 45 TASMAC depots for transport. One Tr.P.Ravichandran, of M/s.Sun Transports applied for 16 TASMAC Depots and submitted 16 DD (EMD – Earnest Money Deposit) value of Rs.50,000/- each in DD Nos. 832170 to 832185 of Bank of Baroda, dated: 06.03.2023 along with his application. During the tender process, Tr.P.Ravichandran was allotted tender for only one depot out of his applications for 16 depots and his DD No. 832170 was deposited by the Senior Regional Manager into

TASMAC's State Bank of India account, out of the remaining 15 DDs, only 6 DDs were returned to Tr.P.Ravichandran. Remaining 9 DDs were misused by the Senior Regional Manager, TASMAC and helped some of the transporters namely M/s. S.S. Transport, M/s. A1 Travels and Speed Parcel Service, M/s. Sri Venkateshwara Logistics, M/s. Suryaa Cargo Movers and M/s. TARANA Logistics Pvt. Ltd., by allotting them the transport tenders for various depots in Tamil Nadu by using the EMD DDs of Tr.P.Ravichandran of M/s. Sun Transport.

Annually TASMAC paid Rs.100 Crore approximately to the transporters. The Senior Regional Manager (SRM), Chennai and other officials of TASMAC didn't conduct the tender as per the procedure and it involved fraud, manipulation and illicit financial transactions. Tr.T.Ramadurai Murugan and Tr.R.Panneer Selvam were the Senior Regional Managers during when the alleged offence has been committed.

ii) Further, it also came to know that bar is not run by the person to whom it was allocated. It was run by some third person. It is ascertained that cash is deposited in 'X' person account for obtaining DDs, these DDs were used by the 'Y' person to apply for BAR tenders. Upon allocation of BAR tenders, the bar is being run by 'Z' person. Further in Sivagangai District, a person deposited Rs.25 lakhs and drew 42 DDs from his account and these DDs were used for applying bar tenders. He did not apply for any of bar tender in Sivagangai District. He drew all the DDs on the direction of Tr.Mulanoor Karthik. In Karur district all the bars were run by this Mulanoor Karthik and his Karur gang, formed organized crime syndicate. They also pressurized and directed the SRM and other officials of TASMAC to allot TASMAC bar to the person whom he referred all over the Tamil Nadu. It is also ascertained that political people around Coimbatore, Karur and other district insisted and collected the party fund from the bar owners, and they are mentioned as Karur Gang.

iii) The old /used bottle suppliers had generated cash by supplying bogus invoices or inflating the invoice amount and receiving the payment from distilleries companies, after deducting their commission, they return the cash amount to respective distilleries. In turn these distilleries are using the said cash to provide the kickbacks to the TASMAC officials for securing the supply orders.

a) During the year 2020-21 to 2021-22, M/s. GLR Holdings and M/s. Niha International Pvt. Ltd., have given amount of Rs.23.27 Crores and during the year 2022-23 to 2024-25 M/s. GLR Holdings have given amount of Rs.12,55,05,988.92 to M/s. Southern Agrifurane Industries Pvt. Ltd., (SAFL).

b) M/s. Crystal Bottles firm is an old bottle company majorly supplying old bottles to M/s. SNJ Breweries Pvt. Ltd., and M/s. SNJ Distilleries Pvt. Ltd. During the period from 2020-21 to 2024-25, above said M/s. Crystal Bottles have given Rs.108 Crores to M/s. SNJ Groups.

iv) Tr.Rathesh Raj Shanmugavel is a central figure operating as an unauthorized power broker in Tamil Nadu's liquor administration ecosystem. Tr.S.Visakan, IAS, who was the then Managing Director of TASMAC, used to follow the directions of Tr.Rathesh Raj Shanmugavel as per the instructions received by him from Tr.V.Senthil Balaji, Minister of Prohibition and Excise. Tr.Rathesh Raj Shanmugavel exerts direct and undue influence on Tr.S.Visakan, IAS, on official decision making processes in TASMAC, a state-run liquor retail monopoly. He issues directives to the MD in an informal yet authoritative manner which includes the approval of major liquor brands, manipulation of bar license tenders and administrative transfers including DRO level officers.

v) The higher officials of TASMAC including MD Tr.S.Visakan, IAS, have favoured few distillery companies by supplying liquor of selected companies even if no request is made by the retailers and vending shop which clearly indicate favouritism and corrupt practice. Moreover, TASMAC shops have collected an excess amount than the actual MRP rate i.e. collecting up to Rs.500 excess for foreign liquor and depending upon the brand of the liquor Rs10/- to Rs100/- was illegally collected from the customer between 2021 to 2025 in an organized manner.

vi) Tr. Bhaskar, formerly PA to Tr.V.Senthil Balaji, then Minister for Electricity, Prohibition, and Excise and Private Individual Tr. Tr.Rathesh Raj Shanmugavel have influenced in the transfer and postings of TASMAC Officials for deriving undue advantage.

vii) There are prima facie materials available for the above malpractices done by the public servants, officials of TASMAC, in collusion with the private individuals and companies under the influence of the formerly Minister Tr.V.Senthil Balaji.

viii) There is prima facie material available for commission of cognizable offence committed by the above said persons during 2021 to 2025. It reveals from the petitions and Counter Affidavit of Directorate of Enforcement that the public servants A-1) Tr.V.Senthil Balaji, formerly Minister for Electricity, Prohibition, and Excise, A-2) Tr.S.Visakan, IAS., formerly MD of TASMAC A-3) Tr.T.Rama Durai Murugan, formerly Senior Regional Manager, TASMAC, Chennai, A-4) Tr.R.Panneer Selvam, formerly Senior Regional Manager, TASMAC, Chennai, A-5) Tr.Bhaskar, formerly Personal Assistant to Tr.V.Senthil Balaji, formerly Minister for Electricity, Prohibition, and Excise, by abusing their official position and with dishonest intention entered into criminal conspiracy during the year 2021 onwards with distillery companies, bottle companies, its owners and private individuals namely A-6) Tr.Rathesh Raj Shanmugavel, (Private Individual - Close Associate of Tr.V.Senthil Balaji), A-7) Tr.S.Karthik @ Mulanoor Karthik, Karur (Private Individual - Close Associate of Tr.V.Senthil Balaji), and others and by committing criminal breach of trust, framing incorrect document, cheating and misappropriation had laundered huge illicit money in TASMAC, by various means of Manipulation and favouritism in decision making processes of TASMAC in an organized manner by the nexus formed between the unauthorized power brokers backed by the Political executives and Senior level Officials of TASMAC, for deriving undue advantage and caused serious loss to the Government exchequer

The Public Servants A-1 to A-5 have committed offence u/s Section 7(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 as they have performed public duty improperly and dishonestly in anticipation of or in consequence of accepting undue advantage from private individuals, distillery/Brewery, Transport firms and bottling companies. The Public Servants have abused their official position in a corrupt and illegal manner. The private individuals namely A-6 and A-7 have abetted the offence committed by the Public Servants.

Hence, the public servants A-1 to A-5 have committed offence upto 30.06.2024 u/s 120 B, 167, 409 of IPC and Sections 13(2) r/w 13(1)(a), 7(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

The Private Individuals A-6 and A-7 have committed offence upto 30.06.2024 u/s 120 B, 167, 409 r/w 109, 420 of IPC and Sections 13(2) r/w 13(1)(a) r/w 12, 7(c) r/w 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

Further, the public servants A-1 to A-5 have committed offence from 01.07.2024 u/s 61(2), 201, 316(5) of BNS, 2023 and Sections 13(2) r/w 13(1)(a), 7(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

The Private Individuals namely A-6 and A-7 have committed offense from 01.07.2024 u/s 61(2), 201, 316(5) r/w 49, 318(4) of BNS. 2023 and Sections 13(2) r/w 13(1)(a) r/w 12, 7(c) r/w 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

Therefore, this FIR is registered in V&AC Headquarters Crime No. 05/2026 on 28.07.2026 at 21.30 hrs, under the above mentioned sections of law and taken up investigation. The original FIR is submitted before the Hon'ble Principal Judge, City Civil and Sessions Court, Chennai along with xerox copy of the Complaint and enclosures from pages 1 to 145. The copies of FIR are forwarded to the Higher Officers.

28.7.2026.

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