

VIGILANCE DIRECTORATE
ODISHA, CUTTACK.



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**DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE STAFFER OF BHADRAK DISTRICT
ARRESTED BY ODISHA VIGILANCE FOR TAKING BRIBE RS.10,000/-
FOR PROCESSING FILE RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF A
RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE IN FAVOUR OF A PRIVATE SCHOOL.**

Today i.e. on 05.06.2026, Sri Srikanta Kumar Dash, Jr. Assistant, office of District Education Office (DEO), Bhadrak has been **apprehended** by Odisha Vigilance for **demanding and taking undue advantage (bribe) of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand)** from a functionary of a Private School in Bhadrak District for processing file related to the issuance of a **Recognition Certificate in favour of the School**. But, accused Sri Dash was demanding bribe Rs.10,000/- to process file for the above purpose. Despite several requests made by the functionary of the school, Sri Dash insisted on taking bribe Rs.10,000/-. Finding no other means, functionary of the school reported the matter to Vigilance authorities.

Based on the above complaint, a trap was laid on 05.06.2026, wherein the accused Sri Srikanta Kumar Dash, Jr. Assistant was **nabbed** by the team of Odisha Vigilance inside the premises of DEO office, Bhadrak for demanding and taking undue advantage (bribe) of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) from a functionary of a Private School**. The entire bribe money was recovered and seized from the possession of Sri Dash in presence of witnesses. Both hands wash as well as pant pocket wash of Sri Dash gave positive chemical reaction, confirming taking and handling of bribe money by him. Following the trap, **simultaneous searches have been launched** on the residential house of Sri Dash at Bhadrak town and his office

room. **Accused Sri Srikanta Kumar Dash, Jr. Assistant, office of District Education Office, Bhadrak has been arrested and is being forwarded to the Court.**

In this connection, Balasore Vigilance PS Case No.9 dated 04.06.2026 U/s 7 Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 has been registered and is under investigation.