

VIGILANCE DIRECTORATE
ODISHA, CUTTACK.



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TPCODL STAFFER ARRESTED BY ODISHA VIGILANCE WHILE TAKING BRIBE RS 15,000/- OF OVERALL DEMAND OF BRIBE RS.25,000/- FOR REPLACEMENT OF A DAMAGED ELCTRIC POLE.

EARLIER TAKEN RS.8,000/- VIA UPI TRANSACTION.

FURTHER, CASH RS.2 LAKHS SEIZED DURING HOUSE SEARCH.

Today i.e. on 06.06.2026, Sri Dharma Niranjana Chaudhury, Line man-A of Narsinghpur Electrical Section under TPCODL, Cuttack has been **apprehended** by Odisha Vigilance for demanding and taking undue advantage (bribe) of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand)** from a farmer for replacement of a **damaged electric pole from his agricultural land**. As the 11KV line passed over his land and one damaged electric pole was in his land in dangerous condition, and fearing any untoward incident, he (farmer) requested local Electric Office. Line man-A, Sri Dharma Niranjana Chaudhury of Narsinghpur Electrical Section, was tasked with the work. For the change of electric pole, Sri Chaudhury demanded bribe of Rs.25,000/- from the farmer. On 02.06.2026, Sri Chaudhury replaced the damaged electric pole with a new one from farmer's land and received Rs.8,000/- via UPI transaction from the farmer. Further, Sri Chaudhury demanded rest amount Rs.17,000/- from the farmer and didn't lift the old one from his land. But, the farmer expressed his inability to pay the rest bribe amount Rs.17,000/-. However, on negotiation, Sri Chaudhury reduced the bribe amount to Rs.15,000/-. Being aggrieved over the matter, the farmer reported the matter to vigilance authorities alleging harassment by the line man-A, Sri Chaudhury.

Based on the above complaint, a trap was laid on 06.06.2026, wherein the accused Sri Dharma Niranjana Chaudhury, Line man-A was **nabbed** by the team of Odisha Vigilance for demanding and taking undue advantage (bribe) of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) from a farmer**. The entire bribe money was recovered and seized from the possession of Sri Chaudhury in presence of witnesses. Both hands wash as well as pant pocket wash of Sri Chaudhury 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 Chaudhury at Paikapada Patna, Narasinghpur, Cuttack and his office room. **During houses search, cash Rs.2 lakhs was recovered from his house at Paikapada Patna and seized. Accused Sri Dharma Niranjana Chaudhury, Line man-A of Narasinghpur Electrical Section under TPCODL, Cuttack has been arrested and will be forwarded to the Court.**

In this connection, Cuttack Vigilance PS Case No.22 dated 05.06.2026 U/s 7 Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 has been registered and is under investigation.