

VIGILANCE DIRECTORATE  
ODISHA, CUTTACK.



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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**PHARMACY COUNCIL STAFFER AND HIS ASSOCIATE (PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL) ARRESTED BY ODISHA VIGILANCE WHILE TAKING BRIBE RS.9,000/- TO FACILITATE THE GRANT OF PHARMACY REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.**

Today i.e. on 09.06.2026, Biswamohan Pattnaik @ Raja, Senior Assistant, Odisha Pharmacy Council, Bhubaneswar has been **apprehended** by Odisha Vigilance along with his associate Md. Izaz Khan @ Prusty (private individual) **for demanding and taking undue advantage (bribe) of Rs.9,000/- (Rupees Nine Thousand) from an applicant through Md. Izaz Khan to verify documents to facilitate the grant of Pharmacy Registration Certificate.** For about a week, the applicant had been requesting accused Sri Pattnaik for taking steps for issue of Pharmacy Registration Certificate. But, Sri Pattnaik demanded bribe Rs.9,000/- for doing the needful. Today, when the applicant approached accused Sr. Assistant Sri Pattnaik in front of the Odisha Pharmacy Council Office, Bhubaneswar, he repeated his bribe demand and directed him to hand over the bribe money to his associate Prusty @ Izaz Khan (Private Person). On this, the complainant reported the matter to vigilance authorities.

Based on the above complaint, a trap was laid on 09.06.2026, wherein the accused Biswamohan Pattnaik @ Raja, Senior Assistant and his associate Md. Izaz Khan @ Prusty were **nabbed** by the team of Odisha Vigilance for demanding and taking undue advantage (bribe) of **Rs.9,000/- (Rupees Nine Thousand) from an applicant.** The entire bribe money was recovered and seized from both the accused persons in presence of witnesses. Following the trap, **simultaneous searches have**

**been launched** on the residential house of Sri Pattnaik at Adimata colony, Bhubaneswar and his office room. **Both the accused persons namely Biswamohan Pattnaik @ Raja, Senior Assistant and Md. Izaz Khan @ Prusty (private individual) have been arrested and will be forwarded to the Court.**

In this connection, Bhubaneswar Vigilance PS Case No.9 dated 08.06.2026 U/s 7 Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 has been registered and is under investigation.