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**SRI RAJESH KULLU, ASI, MANCHESWAR POLICE STATION, BHUBANESWAR
ARRESTED BY ODISHA VIGILANCE IN RS.1 LAKH BRIBERY CASE TO RETURN TWO
MOBILE PHONES AND HELP IN A CASE.**

On 17.06.2026 night, Sri Rajesh Kullu, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of Police, Mancheswar Police Station, Bhubaneswar UPD was arrested by Odisha Vigilance along with Sri Jyoti Ranjan Behera, Home Guard Driver in connection with Bhubaneswar Vigilance PS Case No.10 dated 16.06.2026 U/s 7 Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 for taking bribe Rs.20,000/- (Rs.80,000/- taken earlier; total bribe Rs.1 lakh) from a person to return his 2 mobile phones and help him in a case of which the ASI was the Investigating Officer.

Yesterday, the Home Guard Driver, on direction of ASI Sri Kullu, came out of the PS and took the bribe amount Rs.20,000/-. On seeing the Vigilance team Sri Behera, Home Guard threw the bribe money in the bushes and tried to flee along with ASI. They were nabbed by the Vigilance team after a hot pursuit. Following this, the ASI has been dismissed from service by the competent authority.

ASI Sri Kullu had earlier taken Rs.80,000/- from the complainant in two instalments to help in the case. Later, on 17.06.2026, when the complainant approached ASI Sri Kullu, he demanded additional Rs 20,000/- for return of his mobile phones, and directed him to pay the demanded bribe to Sri Behera, Home Guard driver. Following this, a team of Odisha Vigilance, yesterday, nabbed both the accused persons namely Sri Kullu & Sri Behera while taking bribe Rs.20,000/- from the complainant. The entire bribe money Rs.20,000/- was recovered from them and seized.

Investigation into the case continues.

