

VIGILANCE DIRECTORATE
ODISHA, CUTTACK.



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JUNIOR ENGINEER, GED, JAGATSINGHPUR ARRESTED BY ODISHA VIGILANCE WHILE TAKING BRIBE RS.15,000/- FOR PREPARING ESTIMATE TOWARDS INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS.

Today i.e. on 19.06.2026, Soma Das, Junior Engineer (JE), GED, Jagatsinghpur has been apprehended by Odisha Vigilance for demanding and taking undue advantage (bribe) of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) from an executant for preparing estimate to install street lights at a GP under Jagatsinghpur district. On 08.05.2026, the executant had submitted the letter of the GP authority to Smt. Soma Das, JE for preparation of the estimate for getting the work order in his favour. In spite of repeated requests by the executant, Smt. Das had kept the estimate pending for no reason. Instead, accused JE Smt. Das demanded bribe Rs.15,000/- from the executant @1% of total estimate of Rs.15 lakhs for the above work. Being aggrieved over the demanded bribe, the executant (Complainant) approached the Vigilance authorities narrating harassment by her.

Based on the above complaint, a trap was laid on 19.06.2026, wherein the accused Soma Das, JE was nabbed by the team of Odisha Vigilance in her office room for demanding and taking undue advantage (bribe) of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) from an executant. The entire bribe money was recovered and seized from the possession of Smt. Das, JE in presence of witnesses. Both hands wash of Smt. Das gave positive chemical reaction, confirming taking and handling of bribe money by her. Following the trap, simultaneous searches have been launched on the rented residential house of Smt. Das at plot No.012, CDA, Sector-2 near Aswini Hospital, Cuttack and her office room. Accused Soma Das, Junior Engineer, GED, Jagatsinghpur has been arrested and will be forwarded to the Court.

In this connection, Cuttack Vigilance PS Case No.24/2026 U/s 7 Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 has been registered and is under investigation.