

VIGILANCE DIRECTORATE
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR (GEOLOGY)-CUM-DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MINES, JAYAPUR, DIST-KORAPUT ARRESTED BY ODISHA VIGILANCE WHILE TAKING BRIBE RS.2 LAKHS FOR EXTENDING LEASE AND FACILITATING FUTURE BENEFITS IN SAND SPOT AUCTIONS.

FURTHER, CASH RS.4.90 LAKHS UNEARTHED DURING SEARCHES AND SEIZED.

TOTAL CASH SEIZURE STANDS AT RS.6.90 LAKHS.

Today i.e. on 08.07.2026, Sri Satyajit Rout, Deputy Director (Geology)-cum-Deputy Director of Mines, Office of the Deputy Director of Mines, Jayapur, Dist-Koraput, **has been arrested by Odisha Vigilance and is being forwarded to the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge, Vigilance, Jayapur.** In this connection, Koraput Vigilance PS Case No.14 dated 07.07.2026 U/s 7 Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 was registered against Sri Satyajit Rout.

Yesterday night, Sri Satyajit Rout, Deputy Director (Geology)-cum-Deputy Director of Mines was **apprehended by Odisha Vigilance for demanding and taking undue advantage (bribe) of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs) from a leaseholder for extending lease and facilitating future benefits in sand spot auctions.** The lease holder had already deposited the requisite amount towards the spot action. But, the accused Sri Rout was delaying the matter for no cause. Instead, Sri Rout demanded bribe Rs.2 lakhs from the lease holder for the above purpose. Finding no other ways, he reported the matter to Vigilance authorities.

Based on the above complaint, a trap was laid on 07.07.2026 night, wherein the accused Sri Satyajit Rout, Deputy Director (Geology)-cum-Deputy

Director of Mines was **nabbed** by the team of Odisha Vigilance for demanding and taking undue advantage (bribe) of **Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs) from a leaseholder**. The entire bribe money was recovered and seized from the possession of Sri Rout in presence of witnesses. Both hands wash of Sri Rout gave positive chemical reaction, confirming taking and handling of bribe money by him. Soon after the trap, **simultaneous searches were launched** on the residential building of Sri Rout at Lingaraj Nagar, Jayapur, house at Bidyadharpur, Kataka, house at Olakana, Mahanga, Dist-Kataka and his office chamber. **During houses search, cash Rs.2.90 lakhs from his residential house at Jeypore & cash Rs.2 lakhs from house at Bidyadharpur, Kataka were recovered and seized. Total cash seizure comes to Rs.6.90 lakhs.**

Investigation into the case continues.