

PRESS NOTE

SAND MAFIA GANG BUSTED – SIX PERSONS OF SAND FRAUDSTERS WHO INDULGED IN ILLICIT TRANSPORTATION OF SAND BY CREATING FAKE & FORGED WAYBILLS WERE ARRESTED – SEIZED NET CASH 3.20 LAKSHS, ONE PORTABLE PRINTER, ONE LAPTOP, ONE FAKE WAYBILL/ TRANSIT PASS, (2) TSMDC BILLING ROLLS AND (9) MOBILE PHONES.

Yesterday i.e. on 19/07/2020 at evening hours, on receipt of credible information, the sleuths of Special Operations Team (SOT), LB Nagar Zone along with the Police Ghatkesar nabbed SIX persons namely 1) Bonu Kiran Kumar, 2) Kammachichu Rajashekhar, 3) Parvathala Naveen Kumar, 4) Konda Mallikharjun, 5) Manthana Bhargav and 6) Gaddam Laxman who indulged in illicit transportation of sand from a sand reach located on the outskirts of Malyala village of Mulugu district by fabricating the forged waybills/transit passes in consultation with some of the outsourcing employees of TSMDC and thereby caused huge loss to the revenue of Government of Telangana State. Seized net cash Rs.3,20,000/-, one Portable Printer, one Laptop, one Fake waybills/transit passes, (2) TSMDC billing rolls and (9) mobile phones from their possession.

CR.NO.254/2020 U/S 120 (B), 420, 468, 471, 379 IPC OF GHATKESAR POLICE STATION OF RACHAKONDA POLICE COMMISSIONERATE

DETAILS OF ACCUSED PERSONS:

1. Bachupally Madhukar @ Press Madhu s/o Linga Rao, age; 28 years, Occ; Sand business, R/o H.No.8-42, Inupamula (V) of Kethepally mandal, Nalgonda dist.

(Got anticipatory bail from the Hon'ble IV Addl. Metropolitan Sessions Judge court and surrendered before the SHO Ghatkesar on 10.07.2020)

2. Kore Ramakrishna s/o Suraiah, age; 37 years, Occ; Lorry driver, R/o Palem village, Nakrekal mandal of Nalgonda district.

(Arrested on 12.06.2020 & remanded to judicial custody)

3. Bonu Kiran Kumar s/o Lenin Prasad, age; 40 years, Occ; Business, R/o Flat No.502, Swarna Elite towers, KLN Reddy colony, 3rd lane, Subedari, Hanmakonda, N/o Veeravasaram village & mandal of West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh.
4. Kammachichu Rajashekhar s/o Sathyanarayana, age; 30 years, Occ; Supervisor at Malyala Sand reach of Mulugu district, R/o H.No.6-67, Alubaka village, Venkatapur mandal of Mulugu district,

5. Parvathala Naveen Kumar s/o Lalaiah, age; 27 years, Occ; Outsourcing employee in TSMDC (Sand Reach Assistant), R/o H.No.7-107, Ramannagudem road, Eturunagaram village & mandal, Mulugu district.
6. Konda Mallikharjun s/o Chinni, age; 30 years, Occ; Outsourcing employee in TSMDC (Sand Reach Assistant), R/o H.No.4-112, Yadav Nagar, Eturunagaram village & mandal, Mulugu district.
7. Manthana Bhargav s/o Shankar, age; 25 years, Occ; Security Guard at Malyala Sand Reach, R/o H.No.7-142, Ramannagudem road, Eturunagaram village & mandal, Mulugu district.
8. Gaddam Laxman s/o Sarangapani, age; 31 years, Occ; Security Guard at Malyala Sand Reach, R/o H.No.12-424, Akulavari Ghanpur, Eturunagaram village & mandal, Mulugu district.

(A-2 to A-8 were arrested yesterday i.e. on 19.07.2020)

9. Chaganti Naveen, age; 27 years, R/o Alubaka village, Venkatapur mandal of Mulugu district **(Absconding)**.

SEIZED MATERIAL:

1. Net cash Rs.3,20,000/- (Three lakhs and twenty thousand only),
2. One portable printer used for printing the fake waybills/transit passes,
3. One Laptop used for the generating the fake waybills/transit passes,
4. One fake waybill/transit pass,
5. (2) small billing rolls designed and prepared by the TSMDC, and
6. (9) mobile phones.

BRIEF FACTS:

In view of the existing demand of sand which is prominent ingredient in the construction field, and in order to prevent the illegal transportation of sand, the Government of Telangana has issued orders for online booking of sand in respect of the identified sand reaches in the state through its official website **Sand Sales Management & Monitoring System (SSMMS)** under the supervision of **Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation Limited (TSMDC)**.

The existing procedure to transport the sand in the state is that after getting the online sand order receipt approved by the Sand Sales Management & Monitoring System (SSMMS), the customer has to produce the same to the on duty Sand Reach officer at the sand reach concerned who in turn verifies the receipt online and allows the vehicle inside the sand reach. After loading the sand in such vehicle, the sand reach officer collects

the order receipt and issues waybill/transit pass to that vehicle clearly mentioning the delivery address with the validity of approximate delivery time. This is the actual procedure. But, some of the miscreants are committing the illicit transportation of sand by creating fake and forged waybills/transit passes in consultation with some of the employees of TSMDC.

In this instance, on 10.06.2020, one Lorry bearing no.TS-05-UC-8369 belongs to one Bachupally Madhukar (A-1) being driven by its driver Kore Ramakrishna (A-2) was caught under the limits of Ghatkesar PS while the sand was transporting in it illegally with a fake waybill/transit pass from Malyala Sand reach of Mulugu district. On the same day, a case in Cr.No.254/2020 U/s 420, 471, 379 IPC was registered in Ghatkesar PS and the Lorry driver Kore Ramakrishna (A-2) was remanded for judicial custody. Subsequently, the lorry owner A-1 Bachupally Madhukar has got anticipatory bail from the competent court on 09.07.2020. As per the directions of the Hon'ble court, the A-1 has surrendered before the IO of this case and was enlarged on bail. However, in order to find out the facts, the confessional statement of A-1 Madhukar was recorded, in which he disclosed about the running of illicit transportation of sand from the Malyala sand reach by its contractor in consultation with the employees of TSMDC. In pursuance of the confession of the A-1 Bachupalli Madhukar, detail enquiry was done in order to find out the truth.

It clearly established that as per the existing procedure, after identifying a sand reach in the state, the nodal agency i.e. TSMDC gets enter into an agreement with the eligible contractors for providing the required equipment & other facilities at the sand reach concerned so as to lift the sand into the permitted vehicles i.e. to which the Sand Sales Management & Monitoring System (SSMMS) issues online sand order receipt. For attending this work, the TSMDC gives an amount of Rs.100/- per cubic meter to the contractor. Thus, the contractor earns Rs.2000/- per load and he collects such amount by submitting bills as per his feasibility. Further, the TSMDC deposes one of their cadres as Sand Reach Assistant who shall be present at the sand reach, monitor the process of lifting the sand to the permitted vehicles and submit the details to the competent authority. But, by following the guidelines of TSMDC, the contractors are not getting huge profits as they expected. Upon that they are searching for alternative sources for getting easy money by transporting the sand illegally.

Likewise, the accused A-3 Bonu Kiran Kumar has got the contractor in respect of the sand reach located under the limits of Malyala village of Mulugu district under sublease on 04.01.2020. Accordingly, he appointed some of his known people including the A-4 Kammachichu Rajashekhar in order to attend the required work at the sand reach. But, the contractor A-3 is not getting huge profits as he expected. As such, while he was thinking for alternative sources, the A-4 Rajashekhar has explained him the plan of illicit transportation of sand by creating fake and forged waybills/transit passes in consultation with the on duty employees of TSMDC i.e. Sand Reach Assistants A-5 Parvathala Naveen Kumar, A-6 Konda Mallikharjun, Security guards A-7 Manthena Bhargav and A-8 Gaddam Laxman. The A-4 Rajashekhar has earlier worked at the sand reaches located under the limits of Manuguru of erstwhile Khammam district. As such, he knows the entire loopholes in this field. Moreover, he also got acquaintance with the numbers of lorry owners. For which, the contractor A-3 Kiran Kumar also agreed for the proposal of the A-4 Rajashekhar.

According to their plan, when the contractor consulted the employees of TSMDC i.e. A-5 Parvathala Naveen Kumar, A-6 Konda Mallikharjun, A-7 Manthena Bhargav and A-8 Gaddam Laxman and offered them sufficient gratification i.e. an amount of Rs.5,500/- per each vehicle, they too agreed for this illegal activity with a view to earn easy money. Further, the A-4 Rajashekhar has called his friend A-9 Chaganti Naveen who has computer skills including handling of Photoshop application etc., explained him the plan of this illegal activity and offered him half of the share in his illegal profit. Then, the A-9 Chaganti Naveen agreed to prepare the fake and forged waybills which appear to be similar to the original waybill. Further, the A-3 & A-5 collected an empty original format of transit pass, as well as the billing rolls got designed by the TSMDC from the Sand Reach Assistant A-5 Parvathala Naveen Kumar.

In fact, since the A-3 Kiran Kumar, A-4 Rajashekhar and A-6 Mallikharjun are in this field for a long time, they got acquainted to as many as the owners of sand Lorries including A-1 Bachupally Madhukar. Further, as per the existing system, several people are unable to get sand orders through online. Thus, the accused persons started collecting orders from such people and allowing their Lorries directly into the sand quarry and getting loaded them with overload sand i.e. up to 40 tonnes by accepting an amount of

Rs.25,000/- from each vehicle. During this process, when the A-4 Rajashekhar received the illegal orders, he receives such Lorries and sends them into the quarry directly in consultation with the A-5 to A-8. Meanwhile, as informed by the A-4 Rajashekhar, the A-9 Chaganti Naveen prepares the fake and forged waybill and sends it from his mobile number 9441134034 to the whatsapp number 9493333132 of A-4 Rajashekhar who in turn gets it print out by using a **WIFI/BLUE TOOTH** printer and issues the same to lorry driver/owner. Since such receipt appears to be similar to the original, none of others can identify them to be forged unless the competent authority verifies its QR code.

Thus, the accused persons are committing this illegal activity since March, 2020. During this process, the A-4 collects an amount of Rs.25,000/- from each lorry. Of which, he takes an amount of Rs.1500/- towards his share, while he gives the remaining amount Rs.23,500/- to the contractor A-3. Of which, the contractor A-3 gives an amount of Rs.5,500/- to the Sand Reach Assistants and Security guards A-5 to A-8 towards his share. Apart from it, the contractor A-3 also spends more money nearly Rs.3000/- to others. Finally, the contractor earns an amount of Rs.15,000/- on each vehicle. Thus, they are allowing nearly (30) Lorries in a day for this illegal activity. They so far allowed nearly (500) Lorries for illegal transportation of sand from Malyala sand reach & thereby they cheated the Government by causing huge revenue loss. On further enquiry, it also came to know that this illegal activity is going on at almost all existing sand reaches. The investigation is going on in this aspect.

In this case, the accused A-3 Bonu Kiran Kumar, A-4 Kammachichu Raja Shekhar, A-5 Parvathala Naveen Kumar, A-6 Konda Mallikharjun, A-7 Manthana Bhargav & A-8 Gaddam Laxman were arrested yesterday i.e. on 19/07/2020 at Eturunagaram village while they were gathered at the rented room of A-4.

The above arrests were made under the supervision of Sri Mahesh M Bhagwat, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda Commissionerate, Sri G.Sudheer Babu, IPS., Addl. Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda, Miss.Rakshitha, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police Malkajgiri Zonw, Rachakonda under the direct guidance of Sri J. Surender Reddy, Addl. Dy. Commissioner of Police, Special Operations Team, Rachakonda, by Sri T.Ravi Kumar, Inspector of Police, Sri Sathyanarayana, SI of Police & Sri Avinash Babu, SI of Police, SOT LB Nagar & staff of Special Operations Team, Sri

K.Seetha Ramaiah, Inspector of Police Ghatkesar PS and Sri M.Vijayakrishna Murthy, SI of Police Ghatkesar PS. CP Rachakonda has appreciated the timely help of Sri Sangram Singh Patil, IPS, SP of Mulugu District for expediting investigation. CP Rachakonda has warned fraudsters and appealed citizens to pass on information to what's app control number 9490617111 in this regard.



