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DESIGNATED COURTS AT AHMEDABAD AND MADURAI SENTENCE FIVE ACCUSED INCLUDING THEN INCOME TAX OFFICER TO THREE YEARS RIGOROUS IMPRISONMENT WITH FINE

The Designated Courts at Ahmedabad and Madurai have today sentenced five accused including then Income Tax Officer (ITO), then Inspector of Income Tax and three private persons to three years' Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) and combined fine of Rs. 1.70 lakh, in two separate CBI cases.

In the first case, the Special Judge for CBI cases, Ahmedabad sentenced Shri Mahesh Kantilal Sompura, then ITO, Ward-6(1), Ahmedabad and Shri Mukesh Ramniklal Raval, then Inspector of Income Tax, Ward-6(1), Ahmedabad, to 03 years' Rigorous Imprisonment with a total fine of Rs. 50,000/- each for demanding and accepting bribe for settling the Income Tax Returns for Assessment year 2009-10 in favour of complainant.

Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had registered the instant case on 19.08.2011 against accused on a complaint. It was alleged that both accused demanded an illegal gratification of Rs 1,75,000/- from complainant for settling in his favour the scrutiny of his and his wife's Income Tax Returns for Assessment year 2009-10. After negotiation, the accused persons were caught red handed while accepting bribe of Rs. 50,000/-.

CBI filed chargesheet on 26.09.2011 after investigation. The Trial Court found the accused guilty and sentenced them accordingly.

In the second case, the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Madurai sentenced 3 private accused to three years' Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) with a total fine of Rs. 70,000/- in a CBI case related to availing Bank loan in fraudulent manner and defaulting the repayment.

Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had registered the said case on 24.07.2014 against Sh. S.P.K. Selvam (Private Person) and others on the allegations of availing loan from Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), Meenakshi College Branch, Madurai under Swarna Jayanti Shahar Rozgar Yojana(SJSRY) scheme in fraudulent manner during the year 2009 to 2012. It was also alleged that the borrower defaulted repayment of loan and the account became NPA, which caused loss of Rs. 2998 lakh (approx.) to the Bank.

After investigation, CBI filed a chargesheet against private persons including Sh. S.P.K. Selvam; Sh. C. Jagdeeswaran; Sh. S. Chinnaswamy and Smt. K. Sathiya for the offences of conspiracy, cheating and forgery of documents and using the forged documents as genuine.

The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Madurai convicted and sentenced Sh. S.P.K. Selvam to 3 years' RI, with a fine of Rs. 50,000/- and Sh. C. Jagdeeswaran and Smt. K. Sathiya to three years RI with fine of Rs. 10,000/- each. Sh. S. Chinnasamy died during trial, hence charges against him were abated.

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