

## CBI arrests two officials of employees state insurance corporation in a bribery case

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The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested a Social Security Officer and a Deputy Director, both working in Employees State Insurance Corporation(ESIC), Puducherry in a bribery case.

A case was registered against a Social Security Officer, Employees State Insurance Corporation (Ministry of Labour and Employment), Puducherry on a complaint. It was alleged that the ESIC had issued recovery notice to complainant's company for pending dues since Jan, 2020 amounting to Rs.8,51, 252/- (approx) along with interest. It was further alleged that during July 2021, the accused contacted bank and asked them not to allow operations in the said account. The complainant met the accused. It was also alleged that the accused demanded a bribe of Rs.25,000/- for himself and also in the name of Deputy Director of ESIC, Puducherry for de-freezing the bank account till the disposal of the matter in the court.

CBI laid a trap and caught the accused while demanding & accepting the bribe of Rs.25,000/- from the complainant. Searches were conducted at two places in the premises of accused at Puducherry which led to recovery of some documents.

Both the arrested accused were produced before the Competent Court and were remanded to Judicial Custody till 12.08.2021.

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