

# Bribery case against Nims doctor dropped

■ He was caught accepting money from stent supplier in 2013

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The case against Dr. D. Seshagiri Rao, head of cardiology at Nizam's Institute of Medicine (NIMS) has been closed in 2017. The doctor was caught red-handed accepting a bribe of ₹1.6 lakh from a stent supplier who worked for former Nizamabad Member of Parliament G. Atma Charan Reddy, in 2013.

The ACB recovered the bribe amount from his office and arrested him. A case was registered against Dr Rao under the Prevention of Corruption Act. Subsequently, he was suspended by NIMS.

The ACB submitted a final report in 2015 and sought permission to prosecute the doctor. The Health Medical and Family Welfare department, however, issued orders vide memo No. 1860/VC.1/2013-3 to drop



D. Seshagiri Rao

further action in the case.

The ACB then filed an application before a special court for closure of 'First Information Received' (FIR) in 2016.

In September 2017, an RTI (right to information) was filed by the Forum for Good Governance with the health medical and family welfare department

## SSC BOARD OFFICIAL CAUGHT ACCEPTING BRIBE

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The sleuths of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) laid a trap and caught red-handed K. Sainath, a senior assistant officer with the directorate of government examinations (SSC Board).

On credible information, the officials of

ACB laid a plan and caught the officer on Tuesday evening while accepting bribe of ₹4,500 from a complainant D. Venkat Ramana, a software employee, to correct his son's name in the latter's SSC certificate.

The accused was arrested and produced before the ACB court in Hyderabad.

questioning why the case was closed despite concrete evidence of the officer being caught in the act of committing a crime and booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

This was the response to the RTI: "Dr Rao has raised objection not to provide personal information which will not

come under the RTI."

Mr Padmanabha Reddy of the Forum for Good Governance says the order of the government directing the ACB to drop further action "sends wrong signals to government employees. An impression is created that a trap case can be manipulated in the secretariat."