

## VB LODGES CORRUPTION CASE AGAINST TAX COLLECTOR

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**FEROZEPUR:** Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) has registered a case of bribery against a tax collector in Fazilka district for allegedly demanding and accepting ₹50,000 from a shop owner against clearing his bills.

A case against the accused Gurjit Singh, posted at block development and panchayats office (BDPO), Khuhian Sarwar in Fazilka district, was registered following a complaint lodged by Sunil Kumar, a resident of village Diwan Khera in Ferozepur district on the Chief Minister's Anti-corruption Action Line.

The vigilance bureau informed that the complainant, running a building material shop at Khuhian Sarwar, had provided construction materials on different occasions of over ₹8 lakh to the village panchayats.

Kumar alleged that the tax collector had demanded ₹1,20,000 from him to clear his pending bills and he had paid Singh ₹50,000 in this regard, the VB spokesperson said.

"During investigation, it was found that the accused had accepted ₹50,000 bribe to clear the pending bills of Kumar," the spokesperson added.

A corruption case against Singh has been registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act at VB police station Ferozepur range.

"A probe into the case is on," the bureau spokesperson added.