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The Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Madurai, Vide order dated 06.05.2025, has convicted Thinagaraja, his wife Smt. Manimozhi and his associate Paramarasu in a PMLA case filed by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Chennai. The sentence imposed was imprisonment of seven years along with Fine of Rs. 50 Lakh upon Thinagaraja (main Accused), imprisonment of five years and Rs. 80 Lakh fine on his wife Smt. Manimozhi and imprisonment of four years and Rs. 1 Lakh fine on Paramarasu.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the District Crime Branch (DCB), Pattukkottai, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu against C. Thinagaraja and others. Further, the charge-sheet and Supplementary Chargesheet was filed by DCB for misappropriation of Court's funds to the tune of Rs. 1.15 Crore (approx.) and subsequently, after trial, the Principal Session Judge, Thanjavur at Kumbakonam vide order dated 18.07.2023 convicted the accused.

ED investigation revealed that Thinagaraja while he was employed as Translator / Central Nazir at Additional District Court, Pattukottai had misappropriated the Court funds to the tune of Rs. 1.15 Crore (approx.) which were the compensation paid by the Insurance Companies under the Motor Vehicle Act to the Accident victims. The embezzled funds were transferred to his Bank account which were later withdrawn in cash and further utilized to purchase movable and immovable properties in the form of house & car in the name of his wife and other family members. These Proceeds of Crime which were attached by ED which have now been ordered by the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA) to be confiscated to the Government.

The Trial in this case was conducted on a fast-track mode and concluded with in a period of one year.