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IMA scam accused IAS officer ends life

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Bengaluru: Promotee IAS officer **BM Vijay Shankar**, who was suspended after being arrested for allegedly accepting bribes in the I Monetary Advisory (IMA) Po-zi case, on Tuesday committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling of his house in Jayanagar 4th T Block in south Bengaluru.

The 59-year-old officer is survived by his wife and two daughters. Sources in Sakala Mission, where he was posted as Mission Director I, said the officer attended a review meeting at VV Towers

on Tuesday and left the office in the evening, and added he appeared cheerful.

Police sources said Vijay Shankar went into his room around 7pm. Around 7.35pm,

his wife called him, but when she did not get any response she repeatedly called him. Upon checking, she found him hanging from the ceiling by a plastic wire.

She informed police officials, who rushed to the spot and brought down the body. The officer was wearing a cervical collar apparently to ensure his last moments were not painful.

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IAS officer was under depression

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The reason behind the extreme step is yet to be known. Preliminary probe, however, revealed he was under depression and was attending counselling sessions.

He was suspended after his name figured in the IMA scam when he was Bengaluru Urban deputy commissioner last year. He was arrested in July 2019 and released on bail a month later. His suspension was revoked in May this year and he was posted in Sakala Mission.

The CBI, which was handed over the case, named Vijay Shankar in multiple chargesheets, accusing him of collecting bribes of over Rs 4 crore from IMA founder Mohammed Mansoor Khan. He was appointed KAS officer in 2001 and was promoted as IAS officer in 2014.