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## Case booked against suspended Assembly Secretary for cheating

He allegedly misused the govt. seal while declaring his assets

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A former Secretary of the Legislative Assembly, who was suspended for alleged misappropriation of funds, has been booked for misusing the government seal while declaring his assets.

Based on a complaint filed by M.K. Vishalakshi, Secretary of the Assembly, the Vidhana Soudha police registered an FIR against Murthy S. on Saturday, charging him with criminal breach of trust and cheating. Ms. Vishalakshi, in her complaint, said Murthy was supposed to return documents and

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materials belonging to the office, but he had misused the seal while filing property declaration in March.

Murthy was suspended in December last year after he was found to have misappropriated funds ranging between ₹10 crore and ₹12 crore during the session. He is accused of misusing funds sanctioned for food expenses, installation of pandals,

painting of the Suvarna Soudha, construction of toilets, and purchase of mosquito nets. Murthy also allegedly executed works and released funds without calling tenders. The Finance Department, too, had expressed suspicion about the "undue expenditure".

Speaker K.R. Kamath had written to Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar seeking a probe into the matter. The Chief Secretary audited the expenditure through the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). The CAG report found misappropriation of funds.