



Ambasamudram custodial torture case shifted to CB-CID

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TIRUNELVELI: The Ambasamudram custodial torture case has been shifted from district crime branch (DCB) to the CB-CID based on the recommendations of high-level officer P Amudha, who has been investigating the allegations.

The IAS officer has finished conducting two rounds of inquiry at the Ambasamudram taluk office. During the second round held on April 17 and 18, ten victims including two juveniles and their relatives deposed before the official and testified against the IPS officer Balveer Singh, who has been accused of plucking the teeth of people brought to various stations of Ambasamudram sub-division for inquiry.

After Singh was placed under suspension, the victims and human rights activists from People's Watch in Madurai have been demanding an FIR against him. As the second round of inquiry commenced on Monday, the Tirunelveli DCB filed a case against Singh booking him under three sections of the IPC for attacking and causing injuries to people. The victims' side, however, wanted him to be booked under attempt to murder charges.

Under these circumstances, the case has been shifted to CBCID investigation, on the orders of Tamil Nadu DGP C Sylendra Babu.

The state government has appointed Amudha as the high-level officer to investigate the allegations and has been given a month's time to complete her probe.

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