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## 14 arrested in competitive exam paper leak racket

An SDA with KPSC has been detained for questioning

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The Central Crime Branch police, who uncovered a question paper leakage racket on Saturday - a day before the competitive examination for the post of First Division Assistant was scheduled to be held - have arrested 14 people so far.

A second division assistant with the Karnataka Public Service Commission was also detained late Sunday evening at his hometown in Bagalkot as the police suspect that he was the one who provided the question paper to the prime accused, Chandru.

According to CCB offi-

cials, Chandru, who was arrested on Saturday, is an inspector with the commercial tax vigilance squad.

"He was running the racket with his associate, Rachappa, a native of Belagavi. The investigation so far revealed that Chandru obtained the question paper two days ago and prepared handwritten answer-scripts which he would deliver to his customers in person," said a senior police official.

The CCB team added that they have evidence to show that he got the paper from the Second Division Assistant, who was being ques-

tioned at the time of going to press. "We believe that he got the paper and passed it on to Chandru who prepared the answer scripts which he was selling for around ₹10 lakh each to select customers," said a CCB source, adding that soon after Chandru was arrested, the second division assistant fled to his hometown.

Chandru and his associates were careful to avoid social media platforms. The examination, organised by the Karnataka Public Service Commission, has since been cancelled and new dates will be announced.

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## 'Accused in question paper leak will be arrested'

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Minister for Home, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said that all the accused in the question paper leak of the First Division Assistant examination will be arrested

soon. The investigation is on to identify the prime accused in the case, and action will be initiated against who is involved in leaking the question paper, the Minister told presspersons here. The examination was put off by Karnataka Public Service

Commission after the leak was noticed on Saturday.

"It is suspicious and unfortunate that the question paper has leaked despite precaution by KPSC. Several people have been arrested in this connection and rest will be arrested soon."