

PRESS NOTE
ON
MASSIVE TEST PURCHASE DRIVE AT SP ROAD, CHICKPET AND CENTRAL
BUSINESS DISTRICT AREAS OF BENGALURU BY COMMERCIAL TAXES
DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

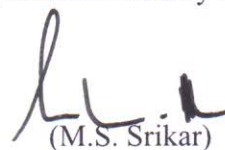
The officers of South Zone, Enforcement Wing of Commercial Taxes Department of Karnataka, in past two weeks conducted a 'Test Purchase Drive' and have collected tax and penalty of Rs.1.42 Crore from the dealers who have failed to issue tax invoices and on further inspection unearthed suppressed turnover of Rs.20.79 Crore involving tax of Rs. 3 Crore. This is part of an ongoing effort to ensure compliance in providing tax invoices/bills by the assesses.

The officers visited business premises in the guise of customers at SP Road, BVK Iyengar Road, Sultan pet, Raja market etc., in the Central Business District area of Bengaluru and conducted test purchases by purchasing goods in 113 premises covering Electronics, Electrical, Readymade Garments and Jewellery shops and wherever the dealers failed to issue valid tax invoices, levied penalty under GST Act 2017.

Following the test purchase, the officers further inspected the business premises and found that the dealers who are not in the habit of issuing tax invoices have involved in the act of fraudulent tax evasion. In many cases, goods were found without valid purchase invoices and in case of dealers dealing in silver articles, 3 undeclared godowns were found by the officers where goods worth of Rs.8 Crore not covered by valid invoices were kept.



It is hereby informed that the department will continue to conduct such operations in different parts of the city and stringent action will be initiated against non-compliant dealers and all consumers are hereby informed to demand tax invoice / Bill of sale for all the purchases and if any taxable person denies to issue invoice, information may be shared on the phone no 080-25706210.


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