

PRESS NOTE

In a major anti-evasion exercise, based on data analytics, Commercial Taxes Department, Government of Karnataka has detected non-payment of Rs. 37 Crore of GST including interest by **M/s. Reliance Communications Limited** and **M/s. Reliance IDC Limited**, who are registered dealers under the provisions of Karnataka Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and engaged in the business of internet service and telecommunication services. They had not paid tax liability of Rs. 37 crore including interest as on today. They had also not filed monthly returns for the months of July 2017 to May 2018 and had not paid the taxes to the Government which was legally due.

The case was inspected by the officers of the South Zone Enforcement Wing of the Karnataka Commercial Tax Department on 20.6.2018. They have admitted the non-payment of GST and interest and have discharged Rs.15.05 Crore on 21.6.2018 and have agreed to discharge the balance amount. The department will initiate stern action as per the punitive provisions of GST to recover the balance if not paid.

Other issues that are under investigation and final quantification of the total GST not paid along with penalty and interest will be known only after conclusion of the proceedings. Further investigation is on.



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