

PRESS NOTE

KARNATAKA COMMERCIAL TAXES DEPARTMENT STRIKES AT ILLEGAL PAN MASALA & TOBACCO GODOWNS

The officers of Enforcement Wing and Vigilance Wing of Commercial Taxes Department, Government of Karnataka in a joint operation have raided transport godowns and unauthorized godowns, where pan masala and tobacco products worth of about Rs. 1 crore was stored without valid documents. The penalty has been collected partially and further investigation is in progress.



On specific information, the team of officers headed by Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Enforcement), South Zone and Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Vigilance), Bangalore raided the godowns located within the city and at residential areas in the outskirts of Bangalore where pan masala was stored in residential houses without any documents. The persons who have stored the goods in outskirts are not registered under GST and no boards were displayed. It is suspected that, since sale of pan masala and tobacco products are banned in Tamilnadu, the persons are storing pan masala and tobacco products in the outskirts of Bangalore near the borders of Tamilnadu at Hosur Road with an intention to transport the same to Tamilnadu without documents.

It is informed that the department is closely watching the movement of unauthorized pan masala and tobacco products. If anybody has information regarding the illegal storage of pan masala and tobacco products in any godown or residential premises, the same may be intimated to the department at the Control Room Ph. No. 080-25704970. It is also warned that stringent penal action will be initiated against the persons indulging in activities of tax evasion.



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