

PRESS NOTE

**SURPRISE TEST PURCHASE DRIVES ACROSS THE STATE BY COMMERCIAL TAXES
DEPARTMENT UNDERTAKEN**

The Karnataka Commercial Taxes Department during the months of January and February-2020 conducted Test Purchase drive and collected penalty of **Rs.1.87 Crores** from **1,052** dealers who have not issued Tax invoice/ Bills. This is part of an ongoing effort to ensure compliance in providing Tax invoice/ Bills by the taxable persons.

The Officers of the Department visited business premises in the guise of customers and effected Test Purchases. In the months of January and February-2020, in all, **1,052** Test Purchases were conducted in places like Bengaluru city, Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru, Kolar, Ramanagar, Chikkaballapur, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Mandya, Mangaluru, Udupi, Shivamogga, Hassan, Chikkamagalur, Ballary, Davanagere, Chitradurga, Hubballi, Sirasi, Kalaburagi, Bidar, Raichur, Belagavi, Bagalakote, Vijayapura and penalty was levied and collected as per the provisions of the Act, from the dealers who have not issued Tax invoice/ Bills during the Test Purchase.

Following the test purchase, in Bengaluru city, the officers wherever necessary further inspected the business premises and collected tax of **Rs.25.20 lakhs** from the dealers who are not in the habit of issuing Tax invoice/ Bills and have involved in tax evasion.

It is hereby informed that the department will continue to conduct such operations in the State 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.


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