

PRESS NOTE

COMMERCIAL TAX DEPARTMENT RAID UNDECLARED GODOWNS IN AND AROUND CHANNAGIRI AND UNEARTH UNACCOUNTED ARECANUT WORTH OF RS. 3.1 CRORE

The officers of Enforcement Wing of Karnataka Commercial Taxes Department have raided undeclared godowns in Channagiri taluk of Davanagere district on 27.05.2020 and found large quantity of arecanut stored without valid documents and have levied tax and penalty of Rs. 31 lakhs under GST.

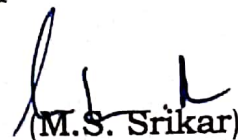
Based on the credible information that amid Covid-19 lockdown some persons are involved in trading of Arecanut without obtaining registration under GST, the officers kept a close watch on the godowns and movement of goods.

In a joint operation of officers from Enforcement wing, South Zone Bangalore and Enforcement Division, Bellary 5 godowns were at inspected at Nallur, Kerebilachi villages of Channagiri Taluk, in early hours of Wednesday. The officers noticed that some persons have stored large quantity of Arecanut worth of Rs.3.1 Crores without any valid documents and without obtaining registration under GST.

The officers levied tax and penalty of Rs.31 lakhs and have already collected Rs.12 lakhs on the same day. Since the transactions were unauthorized, the information has also been shared with APMC authorities for appropriate action.



Large quantity of good quality Arecanut is being grown in Coastal and Malnad district including Chitradurga and Davanagere districts of Karnataka and most of the produce is sold to northern states. It is informed that the department is closely watching the movement and storage of Arecanut and stringent action will be initiated on the persons/transporters violating GST Law.


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