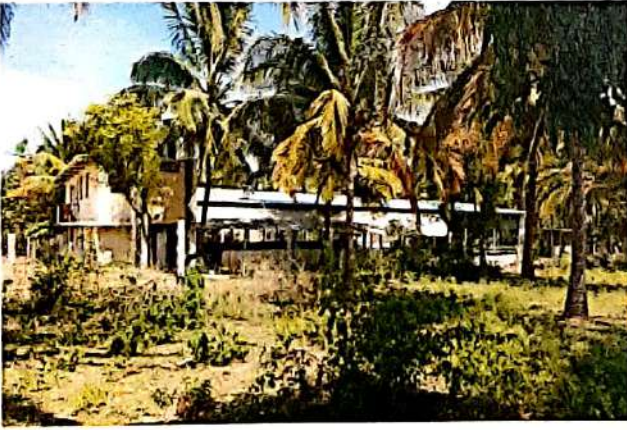


PRESS NOTE

COMMERCIAL TAX DEPARTMENT RAIDS UNAUTHORISED PAN MASALA MANUFACTURING UNIT INSIDE A FARMHOUSE IN TUMKUR

The officers of Commercial Taxes Department of Karnataka raided unauthorized pan masala manufacturing units in Tumkur and Chikballapur and levied penalty of Rs 21 lakhs.

Based on credible information that some persons are manufacturing and selling pan masala and tobacco products from undeclared locations during Covid-19 lockdown period, the team of officers headed by Sri. Nitesh K Patil, IAS, Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Enforcement, South Zone, Bangalore raided 3 places in Tumkur and two places in Chikballapur in the early hours on 05-06-2020. The officers were surprised to see pan masala packing machines inside a godown in farmhouse. An undeclared godown was also found at Sira where 340 bags of raw tobacco was stored. The said godown is sealed for further investigation. Tax and penalty of Rs.21 lakhs has been levied on the stock of goods not covered by documents and Rs.13 lakhs recovered on the same day. Further investigation is in progress.



It is informed that the department is closely watching the movement of pan masala and tobacco products and stringent action will be initiated against persons violating GST law. If anyone has information regarding the illegal movement of goods, the same may be shared with Control room of South Zone Enforcement wing on phone No. 080-25704970.


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