

PRESS NOTE

Commercial Taxes Department's Vigilance wing in coordination have conducted searches in Hoskote, Bengaluru Rural District and have successfully unearthed the Modus Operandi practiced by some Hoteliers wherein suppression of GST Turnovers is detected.

After conducting multiple surveys and reconnaissance, searches were made by a team of 50 officers at the business premises and residences of such hoteliers who were mainly engaged in supply of Biryani and other non-vegetarian items. The Modus Operandi is receiving payments by using numerous UPI accounts (in addition to cash) and constantly changing the UPI accounts, so that the actual turnovers are suppressed and taxes are evaded. The hoteliers involved were not issuing tax invoices/ bill of sale for supply of food items & proper books of accounts were not maintained. In one case 30 numbers of QR codes were found.

During the search, in one of the residences of a proprietor, around Rs. 1.47 Crores of cash was found and immediately it was intimated to Income Tax Officials who in turn have initiated proceedings.

Commercial Taxes Department is constantly focusing on analyzing and acting upon various methods adopted by tax evaders & shall continue to act in that direction.



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