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<u>Surprise Raid Conducted by Labour Department on road side vegetable,</u> <u>fruit, flower markets and electrical and electronic shops throughout the</u> <u>State under Legal Metrology Act and Legal Metrology (Packaged</u> Commodities) Rules

In order to protect the interest of the consumers, the Labour Department enforcement officials are conducting special raids every month for effective implementation of the Legal Metrology Act 2009 and the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011. During the Month of February 2019, as per the instructions of the Commissioner of Labour Dr. R. Nandha Gopal, I.A.S., surprise raids were conducted in electrical and electronic shops under Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules throughout the state. During the raid 609 shops were inspected and 96 contraventions were detected and necessary penal action is being initiated on the erring traders.

. Likewise, under Legal Metrology Act 2009, 851 inspections were conducted in road side vegetable, fruit, flower markets and 140 contraventions were detected. Necessary penal action is being initiated on the erring traders. Moreover during the above special raid, unverified and non standard weights and measures were also seized by the Legal Metrology Officers. This kind of special raids will continue in the following months also and if any contravention found, necessary penal action will be taken as per the law.

The Labour Department has created a Mobile App for consumer redressel. The Consumers can download the TN-LMCTS Mobile app through Google Play Store and register complaints for the contraventions on Excess MRP, Nondeclarations, short weighment and other Weights and Measures related complaints found in Petrol / Diesel Bunks, Ration Shops etc., and can seek immediate redressel through the app.

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