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In continuation to the orders of the Honourable Minister, Commercial Taxes and Registration Department to take severe action against bill traders, it has been found during an investigation that, one dealer dealing in Cement, doing business in Tirunelveli is engaged in issue of bogus bills, without movement of goods, with an intention to pass fraudulent ITC to beneficiaries. Hence, as ordered by the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, inspections were conducted under the supervision of Joint Commissioner(ST), Tirunelveli Intelligence at the business places of 11 dealers, involved in this issue. During the inspection, it has been found that, the dealer had issued fake invoices for the value that runs in crores, without supply of goods to Civil Works Contractors, in and around Tirunelveli, to facilitate claim of input tax credit, in a fraudulent manner. Action is being taken, under the provisions of the GST Acts, 2017, against the Bill Trader and the beneficiaries, who have availed fake input tax credit. Further investigations are in progress.

Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Commercial Taxes.

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