

COMMERCIAL TAX DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Under the advice and able guidance of the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Honourable Minister of Commercial Taxes and Registration, Thiru. B.V. Ramanaa, discussed the ways and means to augment the revenue with senior officials of the Commercial Tax Department on 8.10.2012.

Thiru. Sunil Paliwal, I.A.S., Secretary, Commercial Taxes and Registration Department and Dr. K. Manivasan, I.A.S., Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, participated in the Meeting. The Additional Commissioners of the Commissionerate along with the Joint Commissioners of the Territorial and Enforcement Wings of Chennai Division also attended the Meeting.

During the Meeting, the Honourable Minister informed that the tax revenue collected upto the second quarter of the Financial year 2012-13 stood at Rs 23,142 Crores as against the revenue yield of Rs 18,336 Crores during the half year ending of the last financial year. This reflects an increase in growth rate of 26%. In order to aid the implementation of Welfare Schemes and Social Security announced by the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and to further augment the revenue beyond the Target of Rs 51,332 Crores fixed for the Current Financial Year 2012-13, the Honourable Minister instructed the officials to tirelessly perform their duties and ensure collection of revenue from all possible avenues so as to enable an uphill trend in the Growth of the State.

While speaking on the Departmental performance, the Honourable Minister stated that focus should be on the collection of monthly returns and immediate scrutiny of the same, finalization of pending assessments, collection of arrears and shop inspection. The Honourable Minister and exhorted the officials to rise up to the occasion and put in their best of efforts to augment the revenue keeping in mind the fact that the Welfare Measures announced by the Honourable Chief Minister predominantly rely on the revenue yielded by the Commercial

Tax Department for proper and timely implementation. Further, the Honourable Minister stressed upon the need to gear up the Tax Administration to the fullest capacity in order to achieve the goals put forth earlier.

The Honourable Minister highlighted the fact that the Honourable Chief Minister has accorded provision of Rs 1.12 Crore towards purchase of 17 new vehicles during 2011-12 and 12 numbers during 2012-13 with the aim to enhance the productivity of the Department by way of intensifying the Revenue Collection activities.

In order to modernize the Checkposts of the Department an amount of Rs 33.36 Crores has been sanctioned by the Honorable Chief Minister during the current Financial Year and 34 Commercial Tax Offices functioning in the rental buildings were provided funds of Rs 20.15 Crores for construction of new buildings during the last financial year which were also brought to light by the Honourable Minister.

Further, the Honourable Minister informed that, in order to increase the manpower so as to achieve the Departmental target, the Honourable Chief Minister has ordered to fill 1325 vacant posts in the cadres of Assistant Commissioner, Deputy Commercial Tax Officer, Assistant, Junior Assistant, Typist and Steno Typist through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission by taking exigent action.

The Honourable Minister also informed that all possible steps would be taken to simplify the procedures of filing of monthly returns and to ease the burden of the dealers.

In fine, the Honourable Minister stated that the Government under the able leadership of the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, will never hesitate to provide the infrastructure and adequate amenities required by the Department to effectively and efficiently function and discharge the duties so as to achieve the Target to the fullest.

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