

**PRESS RELEASE**

**The Honorable Minister of Commercial Taxes and Registration Department Thiru M.C.Sampath** reviewed the performance of Commercial Taxes Joint Commissioners (Territorial and Enforcement) on 23/05/2014 at 10:00 A.M. **The Principal Secretary to Government, Thiru S.K. Prabakar, I.A.S., and Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Commercial Taxes Thiru K. Rajaraman, I.A.S.,** attended the meeting.

The Honorable Minister has been informed that the department has collected taxes to the tune of Rs. 50,599.58 crores in 2013-14 (excluding IMFL incremental revenue) as against Rs. 47,884.25 crores collected in 2012-13, thereby achieving a growth rate of 5.67%. In the month of April, 2014 the department has collected tax of Rs. 4,092.48 crores as against Rs. 3,707.17 crores collected in April, 2013 and there is growth of 10.39% as against negative growth of 2.87% noticed in the previous year.

The Honorable Minister has been informed that the return scrutiny of Territorial Wing has augmented revenue collection by Rs. 184.48 crores in 2013-14. Further, old arrears of Rs. 158.92 crores and current arrears of Rs. 523.54 crores has been collected in 2013-14. Further, the Enforcement Wing has collected tax of Rs. 91.93 crores on the spot and proposals formulated for Rs. 4,179.38 crores in 2013-14. In the street survey, 72,786 bogus dealers were identified for cancellation of registration and 3,784

unregistered dealers were identified for registration. Introduction of e-transit pass for edible oil since 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2013 has enhanced revenue collection up to Rs. 19.70 crores in March, 2014 as against Rs. 12.90 crores in November, 2013. Regarding this, the Honorable Minister has stated that, though it is important to take stern action against bill traders, it is also important to offer timely and required assistance to dealer fraternity and create positive environment for business and entrepreneurship. The Hon'ble Minister has stated that the departmental officers should work sincerely and ensure to bring good name to the department

The Honorable Minister has been informed that online facility of declaration forms has been even rolled out for the previous transactions with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2014, apart from the already stabilized online generation of declarations forms for current period in effect from November, 2012. The Honorable Minister appreciated the good effort of the department.

The Honorable Minister has been informed that district level business intelligence units have been formed with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014 and so far, 48 investigation files opened involving revenue of Rs. 187.10 crores.

The Honorable Minister has been informed that the pilot phase of total solutions project shall be rolled out in July 2014. The Honorable Minister stated that the state of affairs in the department should improve significantly after the successful roll out of computerization.

The Honorable Minister instructed the officials of the department to undertake all possible efforts so as to achieve the target fixed for the financial year 2014-15, since the department is contributing a major share of state revenue necessary for the social development schemes and growth schemes of the state formulated by **the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.**

During the review, the Honorable Minister instructed that both the Territorial and Enforcement Wing of Commercial Taxes Department to take co-ordinated and continuous action on bill traders and stringent action on beneficiary dealers availing bogus input tax credit from bill traders so as to safeguard revenue.

The Honorable Minister instructed all officials to work in a coordinated manner to achieve the revenue target and in his concluding remarks, stated that the officials of the department should strive hard and improve the image of the department so as to augment government revenue and implement the social welfare schemes rolled out by **Honorable Chief Minister** in the welfare of the people of Tamil Nadu.

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