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## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Honourable Minister of Commercial Taxes and Registration Department released the GSM enabled Hand Held Terminals for use by Roving Squad Officers of the Enforcement Wing of the Commercial Taxes Department. These Hand Held Terminals are electronic devices enabled with SIM cards to provide GSM connectivity to the Central data Server of the Commercial Taxes Department. The following software modules are provided in the Hand Held Terminals :

1. TIN Verification module
2. CST No. verification module
3. Return verification module.

Using the information from the Central database through these modules, the Enforcement Wing officials will be able to check the following aspects of documents accompanying the movement of Goods :

1. Genuineness of TIN of Consignor / Consignee
2. Genuineness of Registered place of business/ branches/ godowns of Consignor / Consignee
3. Return filed status of Consignor / Consignee

By checking the details of documents accompanying the movement of goods for above aspects, the Roving Squad Officers of the Enforcement Wing will be able to arrest tax evasion in goods transactions and safeguard the revenue to the State Government. It will also save time for vehicles that are stopped for checking in necessary detention of vehicles will also be avoided 35 Hand Held Terminals at cost of Rs.9.25 Lakhs are being supplied in the first phase to the Enforcement Wing Officers of Chennai and Coimbatore Divisions.

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