

PRESS RELEASE

Honourable Minister of Commercial Taxes and Registration Department reviewed the performance of Commercial Taxes Joint Commissioners on 27/09/2013 at 10.00 a.m. The Principal Secretary to Government, Thiru S.K. Prabakar, I.A.S., and Commissioner of Commercial Taxes Thiru Dr. K. Manivasan, I.A.S., attended the Meeting.

Hon'ble Minister observed that, the Enforcement Wing has collected taxes to the tune of Rs.81 crores upto the month of August as against Rs.14 crores collected last year. While mentioning the facility provided to the dealers, it was informed that the dealers have generated 11,83,770 number of online 'C' forms and 48,941 number of 'F' Forms themselves in their place of business without coming to Assessment Circles. Further, 87% of the dealers have filed 3,40,800 number of returns online and 60% of the payment Rs.2468.36 was made by e-payment of taxes without coming to Commercial Taxes Office.

The Hon'ble Minister has pointed out that in the month of August 2013 the revenue Collection was Rs.4112.46 crores and recorded a growth rate of 4.26% and upto the month August 2013, Rs.20120.91 crores was collected and growth rate of 4.42% was recorded in the current financial year and called for focused efforts by officials of the Department to reach the revenue target. As Commercial Taxes revenue is contributing to a major share of State revenue necessary for the social development schemes and Growth schemes of the State formulated by the **Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu**, all

Commercial Taxes officials were instructed by the **Hon'ble Minister** to take all out efforts to achieve the target fixed for the year 2013-14.

The Hon'ble Minister directed that among the functional areas, scrutiny of returns, monitoring return filing, tackling non-filers, completion of pending assessments under CST Act and implementation of Enforcement Wing proposal shall be given special focus by Assessing Officers. Further, stringent action shall be taken in respect of tax evaders and cases of tax evasion detected in movement of goods.

During the review, the Hon'ble Minister instructed that both the Territorial and Enforcement Wing of Commercial Taxes Department have 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 Hon'ble Minister encouraged all officials to work in a co-ordinated manner to achieve the revenue target and concluded the review meeting.

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