

COMMERCIAL TAXES DEPARTMENT

**The Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes and Registration, Thiru. B V Ramanaa**, as per the directions of the **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu** has been reviewing the performance of Commercial Tax officials throughout the State in order to augment the revenue collection. Having reviewed the performance of both the Territorial and the Enforcement Wing at Trichy, Madurai , Tirunelveli and Vellore and as part of the same, the Hon'ble Minister reviewed the performance of the officers of both the Territorial and Enforcement Wing of the Chennai Commercial Taxes Division at Chennai on 27.12.2012.

Thiru.Sunil Paliwal, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, Commercial Taxes and Registration Department and Dr.K. Manivasan, I.A.S., Commissioner of Commercial Taxes also participated in the meeting. The Additional Commissioners and the Joint Commissioners of Territorial and the Enforcement Wing also attended the meeting. The Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, Commercial Tax officers and Deputy Commercial Tax Officers of the Chennai Divisions were present during the Meeting.

The Hon'ble Minister stated that the tax revenue collected in the State upto November 2012 is Rs. 31127.01 crore and this, when compared to Rs. 25055.89 crore collected during the same period last year, reflects a growth rate of 24.23% .The revenue collection made by all the five Divisions at Chennai, namely Large Tax Payers Unit, North, Central, South and East were Rs.19592 crores during the period upto November 2011 and this stood at Rs.24176 crores during the current period upto November 2012, which reflects a growth rate of 24%. As the

Divisions at Chennai contribute more than 75% of the Commercial Taxes revenue, the Hon'ble Minister urged the Officers of the Chennai Divisions to strive hard and achieve the annual target taking note that the financial year is drawing to a close.

The Hon'ble Minister further reviewed the progress made in regard to the improvements made in the existing office buildings at the Greams Road and the modernization of Check Posts of the Department for which a total amount of Rs.4.60 Crore has been sanctioned by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** during the current Financial Year. As far as Chennai Divisions are concerned, Rs.3.12 crores was allotted for purchase of lands and construction of Check posts at Thiruthani, Uthukottai and at Tiruvotriyur . Further an amount of Rs.0.41 crore was allotted for improvement of the existing Check Post at Puzhal and an amount of Rs.0.48 crore was also allotted for improvement of infrastructure at the Check Points at Chennai Central Railway Parcel office, Royapuram Goods Yard, Egmore Goods Yard and the Salt Cotaurs Check Point at Choolai. The Hon'ble Minister also stated that as per the orders of the **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu**, Solar power Generation Panels will be installed in all the new buildings.

Further more, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu** has ordered to fill up 117 posts of Deputy Commercial Tax Officers and 100 posts of Assistants for the Department. In respect of the Chennai Divisions, 27 posts of Deputy Commercial Tax Officer, 35 posts of Assistants, 27 Posts of Junior Assistants, and 12 post of Steno-Typist have been ordered to be filled up. Accordingly, these posts have been filled up by the candidates selected and referred by the TNPSC.

The role of the Enforcement Wing in arresting tax evasion and aiding in augmenting the Departmental revenue was highlighted by the Hon'ble Minister. The Hon'ble Minister also laid emphasis on the fact that the inter-

state movement of vehicles should be thoroughly checked by the check post Officers and Roving Squad Officers and tax evasion should be arrested. The Hon'ble Minister also laid stress on the fact that the arrear collection, scrutiny of returns, implementation of VAT audit proposals and other major revenue yielding areas should be given top priority and the task completed on a time bound manner. The officials should also take effective steps to bring more number of dealers into the taxation net.

Finally, the Hon'ble Minister urged the need to gear up the Tax Administration to the fullest capacity in order to achieve the goals.

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