

Press Release

**Strict Action by Labour Department on 325 Establishments violated Legal Metrology Act and Packaged Commodities Rules during Deepavali Festival**

The prime object of the Labour Department is to protect the interest of the Consumers. The Labour Department is conducting special inspections every month on Shops and commercial Establishments under Legal Metrology Act and Packaged Commodities Rules. On this aspect, as per the instructions of the Commissioner of Labour Dr. R. Nandha Gopal, I.A.S., inspections were conducted in each Districts under the supervision of the Assistant Commissioners of Labour (Enforcement).

Further, the Commissioner of Labour also instructed to conduct special raids on all Shops and Establishments throughout the states selling imported Cigarette Packets without importer license and mandatory declarations prescribed under the Packaged Commodities Rules.

Based on the instructions of the Commissioner of Labour on the eve of Deepavali Festival, in during the month of October special inspection were undertaken by the Assistant Commissioner of Labour (Enforcement). Various Establishment were inspected and **325** violations were noted for the contraventions of non declaration of statutory information like name of the Manufactures, full address, Consumer Care number, E-mail address, Generic Name, Net Quantity, MRP (including of all taxes), Date of packing and excess MRP. Further, during the month of November, 20 violations were noticed on Shops and Establishments selling imported Cigarette Packets without importer license and mandatory declarations. Action is being initiated to collect a fine of Rs.17,25,000/- from the erring traders.

The Labour Department has created a Tamil Nadu Legal Metrology Complaint Tracking System (TN-LMCTS) a mobile app. The Consumers can download the TN-LMCTS Mobile app through Google Play Store and lodge complaints for the contravention on Excess MRP, Non-declarations, short weighment and other complaints on Weights and Measures found in Petrol Bunks, Ration Shops and in other places and can seek immediate relief.