

**Press Release**

Goods and Services Tax will be implemented throughout the country from 00:00 hours on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017. The Commercial Taxes Department of Government of Tamil Nadu is fully prepared to implement the Goods and Services Tax Act. A State level GST Awareness workshop was conducted on 28.06.2017 at Chennai wherein the doubts of the tax payers were clarified. This workshop was presided over by the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Finance and Personnel & Administrative Reforms. The Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes and Registration was also present. Similar meetings are being organized in every Commercial Tax Assessment Circle. Totally, 650 workshops have been planned throughout the State. Workshops have also been planned at the level of every Commercial Taxes District.

Help Desks have been set up in each Assessment Circle and Facilitation Centre in every Commercial Taxes District for providing assistance to tax payers. GSTN Toll Free Help Line (01204888999) and Commercial Taxes Help Line (18001036751) have also been established to clarify any doubts then and there.

All tax officials have been well trained in GST Acts and imparted with Hands on training in GSTN Software Application. Further refresher training is also being organized. All tax officials have been instructed to facilitate the smooth transition of the tax payers to the GST regime and to extend all possible help to the tax payers.

As on date, more than 91% of the 6.50 lakh dealers registered with the Commercial Tax Department of Tamil Nadu have migrated to the GSTN platform.

These tax payers have been issued provisional IDs under the GST. The tax payers can continue their business for 3 months using this provisional ID without any hindrance.

Similar arrangements have been made by the Central Government through the Central Goods and Services Tax Department.

All the taxpayers are requested to extend their fullest cooperation and make this Historic tax reform a resounding success.

Additional Chief Secretary/  
Commissioner of Commercial Taxes

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