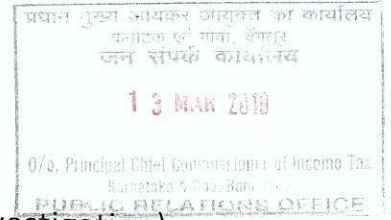




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PRESS RELEASE

The Income-tax Department is playing crucial role in the ensuing General Election 2019. The Election Commission of India has made it clear that movement of unaccounted cash and other valuables generally affect the election process and the responsibility of tracking these kinds of unaccounted cash and other valuables is given to the Income-tax Department.

In this Connection, the department has set up 24x7 control room in Bangalore to receive such kind of complaint from general public and other agencies of Karnataka.

The details of control room is as under :-

Control Room address	Income tax Office (Investigation), Central Revenue Building Annexe, 2 nd floor, Queen's Road, Bangalore 560001
Name of the Officer	H S Subhanna, Income tax Officer
Toll Free Number	1800 425 2115
Landline Number	080-22861126
Mobile Number 1	+91 8277422825
Mobile Number 2	+91 8277413614
Fax Number	080 22866916
Email	Cleankarnatakaelection@incometax.gov.in

It is hereby requested to the general public and other agencies that if there is any kind of complaint/information regarding unaccounted cash and unaccounted other valuables, the same may be shared with the Income tax department through the above mentioned contact numbers or email.

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PRESS NOTE

TDS Wing of Income Tax Department, Bengaluru, has conducted mass TDS surveys on 19/02/2019 and 26/02/2019 covering 76 cases from both Government and Private sectors and detected various TDS defaults in large number of cases such as non-remittance, non-deduction and non-filing of TDS returns. It was found that some of the deductors have deducted taxes but not remitted TDS to the Government account amounting to **Rs.51 Crores**. The Department also detected non-deduction of taxes on expenditure to the extent of **Rs.508 Crores** which includes non-deduction of TDS on Interest payments, payment gateway charges, commission payments, contract payments, year-end provisions & on payments for Cloud based services. In view of large-scale TDS defaults, similar actions are being contemplated by the Department in the near future too.

As per the Department TRACES System, it was observed that huge arrear demand is pending against various deductors. To recover long outstanding demand, the Department has taken coercive measures and attached their bank accounts, debtors as well as immovable properties.

Since the end of the Financial Year is nearing, all tax deductors have been advised to deduct TDS and remit to Government account as per the provisions of the Income Tax Act. All deductors in any place note that aside from interest, late fee and penalty, default in deduction/remittance can lead to arrest and detention in prison and prosecution resulting in long sentences.

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PRESS MEET

Shri. B.R. Balakrishnan, IRS, Pr. Chief Commissioner of Income Tax and Director General of Income Tax(Investigation), Karnataka & Goa Region, invites all media persons for a Press Meet.

The Meet will focus on :

- a) Efforts by Income Tax Department, Karnataka & Goa to maximize collection in the financial year and to request the co-operation of all tax payers.
- b) Publicize the efforts of the Income Tax Department to control the use of money power in the forth coming Lok Sabha elections and to request the co-operation of all citizens in their endeavours.

The Press Meet would be held on **23rd March, 2019** at 4.30 PM at Krishna Hall, 4th Floor, C.R.Building, Queen's Road, Bengaluru, followed by high tea.

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PRESS RELEASE

The Income tax department has made its third arrest in recent days. A prominent tax payer who is well known in the city and had once contested State Assembly and Parliament elections for a prominent political party was arrested today for default in paying taxes.

2. A search and seizure operation was conducted in the case of the tax defaulter. The tax defaulter has contested in Vidhan Sabha Elections of Karnataka twice and also contested in Lok Sabha Elections.

3. The tax defaulter had not paid taxes or filed return of income as per time allowed under Income Tax Act, 1961. The tax defaulter after the search and seizure operation admitted income in view of the evidences unearthed during the search proceedings. The total taxes payable by the tax defaulter was determined at Rs. 5.40 crore. The tax defaulter did not pay these taxes. He has not even paid the taxes on the income admitted voluntarily in the return filed after search and seizure operations. Various attempts were made by the Department by means of issue of notices and recovery proceedings and all other means.

4. Further, on examination of the ITS/AIR details (*intelligence data base of the Income Tax Department based multi-agency data collection and analysis*) and election affidavit filed before the Election Commission of India for the year 2013 and 2018, it was noticed that the tax defaulter was involved in various real estate transactions but did not use funds generated out of real estate business to pay tax and also it was noticed that the tax defaulter had not filed returns of income for subsequent years even though he had taxable income. Separate prosecution proceedings have been initiated for non filing and non payment of taxes before the Economic Offences Court.

5. The Tax Recovery Officer was pursuing the recovery of the tax demand and the tax defaulter failed to honour his commitment to pay taxes and

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impeded in the recovery proceedings by being non-compliant to notices and utilising funds for real estate transactions. A final show cause notice was issued and the tax defaulter in spite of providing several opportunities failed to discharge his self-admitted tax due. Finally, a show cause was issued to the defaulter directing him to discharge the tax dues alongwith interest, failing which arrest warrant would be issued. The demand as on date is Rs. 5.30 crore including interest till date. The tax defaulter failed to utilize this opportunity.

6. Therefore an arrest warrant was served through Police Authorities and tax defaulter was arrested and produced before the Tax Recovery Officer. He was subject to medical examination and subsequently handed over to Parappana Agrahara Prison.

7. Earlier in the month of February 2019, two arrests were made by the Income Tax Department in Karnataka. A businessman from Tumakuru, who defaulted Rs.7.35 crores of tax was arrested on 16/02/2019. Interestingly, in the other case on 12/02/2019, the Income tax Department arrested a defaulter by intercepting him in Chatrapathi Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai for default of Rs.11.94 crores.

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As part of Election expenditure monitoring, several searches were carried by Directorate of Income tax Investigation Karnataka & Goa in the last few days.

2. On 10.04.2019, searches were carried out by Investigation Directorate Panaji and Bangalore at various places in Goa, Belgaum, Hubballi, Bellari and Udupi on persons/assesseees engaged in various businesses like cashew and arecanut trading, matka business , labour sub- contracting etc.

3. In Goa, search was conducted on persons allegedly involved in Matka and cashew business. The search has resulted in seizure of unaccounted Cash of around Rs 33 lakhs.

4. In Belgaum, searches were conducted on few civil contractors based at Chikkodi, Gokak, Nipani and one person engaged in liquor retailing business. In one of the cases, ingenious modus of creating FDs in the names of employees for parking unaccounted money has been detected. Evidences of cash generation through bogus billing have also been found and seized. Several instances of cash payments made to PWD engineers have also been found. Unaccounted cash of approx. Rs 62 Lacs has been seized.

5. Searches were also conducted on 6 PWD Contractors and a PWD accounts official at Hubli, Gadag and Bellari. Various incriminating evidences of tax evasion in the form of unaccounted cash payments and cash generation through bogus billing have been found. Besides, in the case of the cases, violations of provisions of domestic transfer pricing have also been detected. It is found that the assessee has awarded transport contract solely to his family members without having any documentary evidence with respect to the same mainly with the aim of inflating expenses in its books. Based on the


incriminating evidences found and seized during the search, the assesseees have admitted additional income of Rs 40.50 Cr. Total unaccounted cash seized in the group is Rs 1.29 Cr. Gold weighing 12.5 kg (jewellery of 10.30 kg and bullions of 2.22 Kg.) valued at Rs 3.9 Cr has also been seized.

6. In Udipi, search was conducted on a person engaged in the business of bus transport. Unaccounted cash of Rs 10 lakhs was found and seized from his residence. Besides, it was also found that the assessee does not maintain any books of accounts for his business. Evidences showing unaccounted investments in immovable properties have also been found in this case.

7. On 11.04.2019, search and seizure operations were conducted by Investigation Directorate, Bangalore on 3 businessmen engaged in the business of real estate, poultry and event management, at 23 premises located in Bangalore, Chitradurga and Kolkata. The searches have led to unearthing of evidences pertaining to unaccounted cash sales/sales suppression, cash expenses made out of books and receipt of on-money on sale of flats. Total unaccounted cash seized in this group is Rs 85 lakhs whereas jewellery of 13.5 kgs is still under verification.

8. These searches in Goa, Hubballi, Bellari, Udipi and Bangalore have led to cumulative cash seizure of Rs 3.19 crore and jewellery weighing 12.5 kg worth Rs 3.9 Cr. All the searches were conducted on businessmen based on credible information available with the Department and were processed in a professional manner.

9. None of the persons searched are Politically Exposed Persons. No candidate in the ongoing elections, or any MP, MLA or office bearer of any political party has been covered in these searches.


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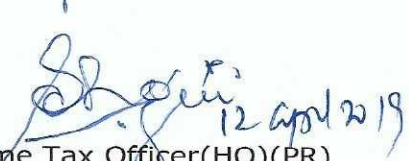
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PRESS RELEASE

The attention of the Income Tax department in Karnataka-Goa has been drawn to reports in the social media that IT officials have checked the house of the family priest and temple of a prominent political leader.

2. No such search/checking/verification of any sort has been done by the Income tax department in Karnataka.

3. It is unfortunate that media persons connected to reputed media houses are spreading such unfounded stories without any attempt at verification.


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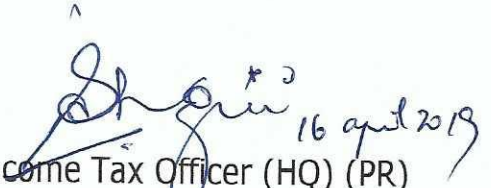
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PRESS RELEASE

Today the Income tax department is carrying out searches in Hassan, Mandya and Bangalore.

2. The searches being conducted today are based on credible intelligence that certain businessmen have earned income not disclosed to tax and are in possession of undisclosed assets.
3. The taxpayers covered in today's search operations are engaged in the business of real estate, quarrying and stone crushing, executing Government contracts, operating petrol bunks, saw mill and managing cooperative Banks. These are sectors which are prone to generation of black money.
4. Five residences in Hassan, one in Bangalore and one in Mandya along with their business premises are covered as part of the search operations.


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