



Office of The Joint Commissioner of State Tax (INV Unit-1), Thane Rural Division, Bhayandar

PRESS NOTE

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Thane Rural Division of Maharashtra Goods and services Tax Department arrested one person for fake invoices worth Rs. 39.23 Crores.

As a part of special operation launched by the Maharashtra Goods and Service Tax Department against taxpayers involved in issuing fake invoices, investigation of the case is done by use of comprehensive analytical tools. During the course of investigation, it was found that M/s Vama Traders and M/s Karma & Company has passed on fraudulent Input Tax Credit by issuing the bills worth Rs 39.23 Crores to various taxpayers. Total GST credit of Rs 5.68 Crores is fraudulently passed on by obtaining the registration and issuance of only bills without supply of any goods through these companies.

During inquiry, it was found that Mr Salman Shah has facilitated the registration of these companies under the GST Act. Mr Salman Shah has been instrumental for obtaining the registration of these companies and issuance of invoices without supply of goods thereby passing fake GST credit to various taxpayers.

Therefore, Mr Salman Shah has been arrested by Maharashtra Goods and Services Tax Department on 11/02/2023. The act of this person is cognizable and non-bailable offence and is liable to imprisonment under the Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. The person has been remanded in judicial custody till 24/02/2023 by the Hon'ble Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Thane.

Investigating Officer Smt Pratibha Rahate along with Shri Premjeet Ranavare, Assistant Commissioner of State Tax and State Tax Inspectors are conducting further investigation in this case under the guidance of Shri. Devendra Shinde, Deputy Commissioner of State Tax. The operation was conducted under the guidance of Shri Umakant Birajdar and Shri Rajesh Advani, Joint Commissioner of State Tax, and Shri Govind Bilolikar, Addl Commissioner of State Tax.

Maharashtra Goods and Services Tax Department has further intensified its drive against the tax evaders by effecting 61ST arrest in this financial year.