

e-Services for Commercial Taxes Department Launched in Goa

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa Shri. Digambar V Kamat launched the e-Services portal of Department of Commercial Taxes, Government of Goa on 20th August 2010 in an official function attended by Shri. Sanjay K. Srivastava, Chief Secretary, Shri. Rajiv Yaduvanshi, Secretary (Finance), Shri. V. K Jha, Secretary (Science & Technology), Senior Officials of Govt. of Goa, Vice President of Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Members of various Industrial Associations and Dealers.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa Shri. Digambar V Kamat launching the e-Services Portal



Shri. K.P. Pariselvan, TD & Project In-Charge briefing the Hon'ble Chief Minister

This e-Services portal, <http://egov.goa.nic.in/comtaxeservices>, which is an extension of VATSoft was developed by NIC, Goa for the Department of Commercial Taxes, Govt. of Goa. The portal as of now offers three services namely (1) Online Payment of Taxes, (2) e-filing of Returns and (3) Online issuance of Statutory Forms for dealers in Goa. The portal also has option to upload the utilization details of Statutory Forms. Online Statutory Forms are printed with Bar Code to authenticate the document. 'Statutory Form Search' option is also provided in the website of the Department of Commercial Taxes to enable other states in verification of the Statutory Forms issued online.



Dignitaries sitting on the Dais



Hon'ble Chief Minister lighting the Traditional Lamp



Commissioner of Commercial Taxes giving the Welcome Address



Hon'ble Chief Minister addressing the gathering



Shri. JJR Anand, SIO, Goa, highlighting the features of the e-Services Portal



Hon'ble Chief Minister issuing first Online Statutory Form to a Dealer



Chief Minister felicitating Shri. JJR Anand,
SIO, NIC, Goa



Chief Minister felicitating
Shri.K.P.Pariselvan, TD, NIC, Goa



Chief Minister felicitating Shri. S.Arulraj,
SSA, NIC, Goa



Chief Minister felicitating Shri. S.Senthil
Nayagam, SSA, NIC, Goa



A view of the guests who attended the function

Shri. S.G.Korgaonkar, Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The event was covered by the press and reported on the front page of the many Dailies in Goa.

Some of the newspaper clippings:

e-services at commercial tax department

Filing returns for traders made easy



The Chief Minister, Mr Digambar Kamat seen launching the e-services of the commercial tax department at the Secretariat at Porvorim in presence of the Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjay Shrivastava, commissioner of commercial tax department, Mr Vallabh Kamat and others. Nandesh Kamblil NT

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PANAJI: In yet another attempt to promote e-governance, the Chief Minister, Mr Digambar Kamat, on Friday launched the e-services of the commercial tax department. This would facilitate around 25,000 dealers in the state to file quarterly returns of Value Added Tax, Central Sales Tax, etc electronically and also help them obtain statutory forms on-line, without visiting any office of the department.

Addressing the audience at the launch programme, the Chief Minister said that the occasion coincided with the birth anniversary of the former prime minister, late Rajiv Gandhi, who initiated

various steps to bring in revolution and wanted to take India forward in the technological field. This was an apt tribute to the great leader, he added.

Mr Kamat further said that e-services and other such attempts made by the government would succeed only if the people got real and direct benefit, and if it helps in bringing in transparency in the administration and help curb illegalities including payment sought by some as "transaction fees".

Stating that people wanted faster services and response from the administration, he said that e-services would go a long way in that direction.

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He went on to add that good governance would be visible only when people stop coming to the elected representatives and officials to seek favours to get their works done.

He said that he has accepted a challenge from the Union Secretary, Mr S R Rao, as regards to providing at least 50 services under e-governance by December 19, the day Goa enters Golden jubilee of its liberation. He said that Mr Rao and other officers of the National Institute of Smart Governance would visit Goa next month to train Goan officials in e-governance.

Earlier, the commissioner of commercial tax department, Mr Vallabh Kamat told the gathering that the e-services would be available 24X7 and would help avoid interface with the department and save a lot of time for the dealers, etc. The services would reduce the work of manual entry and uploading of data into the system and also help avoid mistakes that creep in.

The commissioner of CTD

further said that e-services were initially being started only for VAT and CST and that they would soon be covering luxury, entry and entertainment tax, even as he said that new offices of his department would be opened at Pernem, Canacona, Valpoi and Sanguem.

Mr J J R Anand, state informatics officer said that the information uploaded and transaction made under the e-services were safe and that there was a proposal before the law department for approval for use of digital signature, which was expected soon. He further said that the e-services would help provide authentic and safe administration.

The Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjay Kumar Shrivastava said that the launch of e-services was a step forward in providing e-governance to the people of the state and that this move would help provide better services. Mr Manguirish Pai Raikar, vice-president of Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry said that Goa was the most tax complaint state in the country.
