

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
FINANCE DEPARTMENT (CODES DIVISION),
Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar**

Circular

Subject: Verification of Status of GSTIN of the contractor and authenticity of GST-3B return through the Peridot App (available in the Playstore) or from the State Taxes Department.

It has come to the notice of Finance Department that dealers/contractors whose GSTIN have been cancelled or deactivated are applying for Government tenders with submission of fake/forged GST returns. Such practice happens because tender inviting departments do not cross-verify documents submitted by the tenderer with the State Taxes Department.

In terms of General Sales Tax Act, 1962, it was mandatory for the Contractors to get NOC from the State Taxes Department before applying for a tender. This practice has been done away with, post implementation of GST Act, 2017.

In order to have timely compliance of returns by contractors as well as DDOs, the State Taxes Department with the help of NIC Jammu has recently developed an Online Web application namely "APNA TDS" portal which helps in identifying payment made to work contract service providers by DDOs through JK Paysys portal.

Before allotting any work contract, the status of GSTIN of the contractor and authenticity of GST-3B return submitted by the contractor can also be verified through the Peridot App (available in the Playstore) or from the State Taxes Department. Also before releasing of payment to contractor, the DDOs can verify the latest status of the GSTIN of the contractor by using the information available in Peridot App or through the State Taxes Department in order to ascertain that contractor has not defaulted in GST tax compliance. Payment to such contractor who are not fulfilling statutory obligations under GST Taxation Law should be avoided.

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Accordingly all the Administrative Departments are advised to direct their subordinate officers that before allotting any contract/releasing payment to the contractor, the status of GSTIN of the contractor and authenticity of GST-3B return submitted by the contractor should be verified through the Peridot App (available in the Playstore) or from the State Taxes Department. Further, the DDO's should check latest Status of Contractor using the information available on Peridot App or from State Taxes Department. The payments in favour of those contractors who are not fulfilling Statutory Obligations under GST Taxation Law should be avoided.

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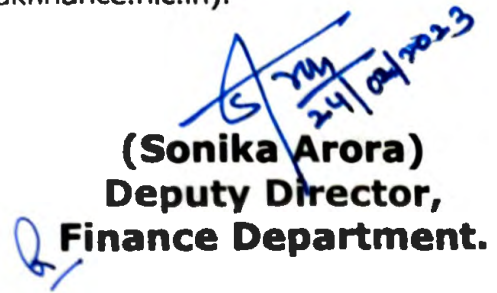
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