

**HELD ONE PERSON WHO IS SELLING BANNED CIGARETTES AND SEIZED
RUPEES 6 LAKH WORTH CIGARETTES**

On 14-10-2019 the sleuths of Commissioner's Task Force, East Zone team along with Shahinayathgunj police raided one godown situated at premises no 15-8-318 First Floor, beside Mansingh Hotel, Begum Bazar, Hyderabad and apprehended its owner by name Santosh Dave who was procuring banned foreign cigarettes and seized 3300 boxes of 23 various brands i.e., Marlboro, Mond, ESSE etc total worth of seized material is about Rs. 6,00,000/- and (1) Cell Phone.

Details of accused person: -

Santosh Dave S/o Jayantilal Dave, age 46 yrs, Occ: Business styled as Mahalaxmi Marketing R/o Osman Shahi, Afzalgunj, Hyderabad

Facts of the case:-

The accused is native of Badmer District, of Rajasthan State, in the year 1999 he was migrated to Hyderabad and started deodorant & perfume business styled as Mahalaxmi Marketing, located at 1st Floor, K.K. Complex, Feelkhana, Begum Bazaar, Hyderabad, as the income on deodorant and perfume business is not up to his expectations, then he hatched plan to earn easy money by selling Foreign Cigarettes. Since about 2 years he started procuring these cigarettes from unknown distributors and selling the same clandestinely and earning easy money.

These cigarettes doesn't have pictorial warnings and also not as per the the guidelines of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Product Act 2003.

These foreign cigarettes contain a very high content of tobacco dust which is hazardous to health. In spite of hazardous nature, foreign brand cigarettes are big hit in youth due to its slim and distinct flavor.

The arrested accused along with seized material was handed over to SHO, Shahinayathgunj PS, Hyderabad for further investigation.

The raid was made under the supervision of **S. Chaitanya Kumar, Addl. Dy. Commissioner of Police**, Commissioner's Task Force, by **Sri K.Srinivas**, Inspector of Police, East Zone Task Force Team, and SI's Sri P.Ramesh, Govindu Swamy, G.Srinivas Reddy and C.Venkatesh, and the staff of East Zone Task Force Team, Hyderabad City.

**Addl. Dy. Commissioner of Police,
Commissioners Task Force,
Hyderabad.**